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**A**CTES MADE IN THE  
session of this present parly-  
ament holden upon prorogation at  
Westm, the.iiii. day of february,  
in the. XXVII. yere of the reygne  
of our moste dread soueraygne lord  
kyng HENRY the. VIII. and  
there continued and kepte till  
the. xiiii. day of Aprill  
next ensuyng. To  
the honour of  
God, and  
for the  
common weale and  
profyte of this  
realme.

THO. BERTHELET  
EXCVDEBAT.  
CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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How so moche as dyuers and many houses mesuages & tenements of habitations in the townes of Nottingham, Shrewesbury, Ludlowe, Bridgenorth, Quinborough, Northampton, and Gloucester, nowe are, and of longe tyme haue benne in greate ruine and decay, and specially in the principalle and chiefe stretes there beinge, in the whiche chiefe stretes in tymes passed haue ben beautifull dwellinge houses, there welles inhabited, which at this day moche parte therof is desolate, and voyde groundes with pyttes, sellers, and vaultes, lyenge open and vncouered, very perillous for people to go by in the nyght, without teperdye of lyfe: whiche decayes are to the great impouerishyng and hinderance of the same townes: for the remedy whereof, it may please his kyng our souerayne lord, by thassente of his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, it may be enacted, that if the owner or owners of any suche voyde and decayed houses or groundes, within the precinct of the sayd townes of Nottingham, Shrewesbury, Ludlowe, Gloucester, Bridgenorth, Quinborough, and Northampton, within iii. yerres nexte after proclamation therof be made by the mayres, sheriffes, and bayliffes of any of the sayde townes, by what name or names soeuer they be incorpored, in and vppon any suche vacante or decayed houses and groundes in any such towne, as is aforesayde, and accordinge to this acte do not entre and sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same decayed houses or voyde groundes: that then it shall be lesfull to the lord, of whom such vacand groundes or decayed houses ben or shalbe holden, to entre immediately after his said. iii. yerres expired, and to haue the same groundes to them and their heyres or successours for ever. So that the sayd lordes do sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same vacante or voyde groundes, wherein he or they may entre by this act, within thre yerres next and immediately following the determination of the former. iii. yerres, in the which the owners ought to haue entered reedified and buylded the same, by vertue of this acte. And if suche lordes as may entre by this acte do not entre, and well and sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same voyde and decayed houses and groundes, in their sayd. iii. yerres to them lymitted by this acte: that then it shalbe lesfull to the mayres, sheriffes, bayliffes, and communalte of the sayde towne, by what name or names soeuer they be incorpored, and their successours for the tyme beinge immediately after the sayde. iii. yerres expired, to entre into euery suche voyde or decayed groundes or houses, and the same groundes or ground to holde and retereine without interruption to them and their successours for ever, clerely discharged of all rentes goinge out of the same, as wel agaynst the lord or lordes, of whom suche ground or groundes be holden, as all other, so that alwayes the same mayres, sheriffes, bayliffes, or

comminalte oꝝ their successours foꝝ the tyme beinge, do wel and sufficiently reedifie and buylde the same grounde oꝝ groundes, wherein they may so entre by this act, within thye yerres next & immediatly folowing the determination of the foꝝmer thye yerres, in the whiche the afoꝝesayd lordes, of whom suche ground oꝝ groundes were holdē, shulde oꝝ ought to haue entred reedified & buylde the same. And in case þ̄ sayd matres theresses bailiffes & cominaltie oꝝ their successours foꝝ the tyme beinge, do not entre and sufficiently reedifie & buylde the same boyde oꝝ decayed houses oꝝ groundes, in foꝝme afoꝝesayd, within þ̄ sayd terme of thye yerres, according to this act: that thē it shal be lesful to the first owner & owners of such decayed & boyd groundes, their heires oꝝ successours immediatly after the same, iii. yerres expired, in to the same ground & groundes to reentre, & them to reteine to them their heires oꝝ successours, as in their firste estate, any thynge in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

**P**rovided alwayes that this act noꝝ any thing therein conteyned, be in any wise prejudiciall oꝝ hurtfull to any person oꝝ persones beinge at the tyme of the sayde proclamation made vnder the age of one and twentie yerres, oꝝ to any woman couerte barne, oꝝ any person oꝝ persones beinge in prison oꝝ beyonde the see in the kynges warres oꝝ his other lawfull affaires, durynge suche tyme as suche person oꝝ persons shalbe within age, couert baron, in prison, oꝝ beyonde the see, so that the same persone oꝝ persones after he oꝝ they be come to full age, oꝝ beyng not couerte baron, out of prison, & come agayne within this realme, within thye yerres nexte ensuenge do reedifie the same houses so decayed.

**I**n act foꝝ counterfaytynge of the sygne, sygnet, oꝝ priuie seale of our souerayne lord the kyng, to be from hens foꝝth taken and adiudged byghe treason. Ca. ii.

**A**s moche as by the lawes of this realme smal punishment hath ben hitherto provided foꝝ foꝝginge and counterfaytynge of the kynges signe manuell, oꝝ priuie signet, By reason wherof diuers lyght & euyl disposed persons now of late haue taken þ̄ moꝝe boldnes & courage to committe suche offences, to the great audacitie and boldnes of such lyke offenders. foꝝ remedy whereof, be it enacted by authorite of this presente parliament, that if any persone oꝝ persones at any tyme hereafter falsely foꝝge and counterfayte the kynges signe manuel, priuie signet, oꝝ priuie seale, that then euery suche offence shalbe demed and adiudged highe treason, and the offenders therein, their counsellours procurours aydoours and abettours, being conuict of any suche offence according to the lawes of this realme, shallbe demed & adiudged traytours against the kyng and the realme, and shall suffre and haue suche paynes of death, foꝝsapture of londes goodes and cattal, and also lose the priuilege of all sayntuaries, as in cases of highe treason it is ordeyned.

**C**An acte takynge away exactions taken by the Mayre, and commynaltie of the towne of Hulle. Capit.iii.



Here vpon complaynte made in this presente parlyamente by the kynges pooze subiectes, and namely the pooze fysher men, inhabytyng vppon the costes of the See, wythin the countyes of Northfolke and Suffolke, whiche vse commonly to conducte and conuey theyr hearpynges spottes and other fysh to the towne of Kyngstons vpon Hulle, there to be bityered and solde to other the kynges subiectes, wyllynge to bye the same: It dothe euidently and playnly appeare, that suche greatte and intollerable exactions, customes, and tolles be demaunded leuyed and taken of them for theyr sayd hearpynges and other fyshes, by the rulers and officers of the sayd towne, that onles som spedy remedy be for them prouyded in that behalfe, a great noumbe of them shall be driuen of necessitie to absent them selves from their sayde markette of olde tyme continewed and holden at the sayde towne, whete most comonly afoze tyme a great number of the kynges subiectes and namely of the northe parties of this realme, haue bled to prouide theym selfe of their hearpynges and fysh: whiche fynallye shall be not only the bitter impouerishing and vndoynge of the sayde pooze fisher men inhabytyng within the sayd countyes of North. and Suff. but also a great iucumberance to al suche the kynges subiectes of the said north parties, as afoze tyme comonly haue bled to prouide theyr hearpynges and fysh at the sayd towne, for the mayntenance of theyr householde. For the spedy reformation wherof, be it enacted by auctozite of this present parlyament, that the mayre of the said towne of Kyngston vppon Hull, and his successours, & all other officers and ministers of and within the same towne, shall from henceforth permitte and suffer all thynhabitanter of the sayde countyes of North. and Suff. or from any other places thither repayryng with bityple, at all tymes for euermoze betwene the feast of all sayntes and Channunciation of our Lady, lyberally and freely without interruption or impediment to conducte and bryng theyr sayde hearpynges and other fysh to the sayde towne, and there to bityer and sel the same as wel by water as by lande, by re-taile or in grolle, to whom soeuer and whan so euer within the same time before expessed, they or any of them shall thinke most expedient for their owne profite and commodytie, without any maner of toll, custome, imposition, or other exaction or charge to be demaunded, leuyed, or taken of the seller or byer of the same by the said maire, or any other officer or minister of or within the said towne or port of the same, for the said hearing or other fysh, or for the shippes or other vessailles, wherin the same hearing or fysh, shall so be brought or conducted, except only suche somes of money, as hereafter ensueth, that is to say, of euery shippe thyrther repayryng with hearpynges or other fysh, as is afoze sayde, beinge of the burden of .xx. tunne, or vnder and not aboue, fyue shyllinges: And of euery shippe thyrther repayryng with

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with hearinges oꝛ other fyſhe, beinge aboue the ful burthen of .xx. tunne, ſix ſhyllinges, viii. d. and not aboue. And that the ſayd mayꝛe, and al other of-  
fycers and miniſters of oꝛ within the ſayd towne and lyberties of the ſame,  
foꝛ the tyme beinge. ſhall from hencefoꝛthe well and fauourably oꝛder and  
intreate the ſayd inhabitauntes of Suſ. and Noꝛf. and all other as is afoꝛe  
ſayde, repayꝛynge to the ſayd towne with hearinge fyſhe oꝛ other vytayles  
as is befoꝛe expꝛeſſed, without any extꝛeme oꝛ vnlauful ſerching vlewinge  
oꝛ lettynge of vnreaſonable pꝛices of the ſayde hearynge fyſhe oꝛ other vy-  
tayles: And without fruſtrate oꝛ willful delay oꝛ tractynge of tyme in the ſaid  
vlewinge ſerching oꝛ lettynge of the ſame pꝛices, oꝛ any other maner of fa-  
tigatyon oꝛ wꝛongfull veratyon: but ſhal oꝛder vſe and intreate the ſame in  
habytauntes diſcretely and charitably in euery behalfe as they ought to be.  
And in caſe the ſayde mayꝛe foꝛ the tyme beinge, oꝛ any other officer oꝛ mini-  
ſter of oꝛ within the ſayd towne oꝛ lybertye of the ſame, do hereafter foꝛ any  
cauſe befoꝛe expꝛeſſed, exacte, leuie, oꝛ take of any of the ſayde inhabytaun-  
tes, oꝛ any other the kynges ſubiectes, any moꝛe oꝛ greater ſomes than is  
befoꝛe mencioned, oꝛ do in any maner of wyſe offende hereafter in any other  
article oꝛ poynt conteyned in this pꝛeſent acte, contrary to the true meanyng  
tenour and effecte of the ſame, that then vpon complaynte therof made by  
the party greued in that behalfe, vnto the loꝛde Chauncellour of England,  
loꝛde Treſourer, loꝛde pꝛeſident, and other the loꝛdes of the kynges moost  
honozable counſayle, foꝛ the tyme beinge, it ſhall oꝛ maye appere to them, oꝛ  
to .iii. of them at the leaſte, wherof the ſayde loꝛde chauncellour to be one,  
that the ſayde mayꝛe other officer oꝛ miniſter of oꝛ within the ſayde towne  
oꝛ liberties of the ſame, hath ſo offended in any article oꝛ point befoꝛe expꝛeſ-  
ſed, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this pꝛeſente acte, and ſo adiudged  
and decreed by the ſayde loꝛdes, oꝛ by thꝛee of them at the leaſte, wherof the  
ſayde loꝛde Chauncellour to be one, that then the ſayde mayꝛe officer oꝛ o-  
ther miniſter ſo offending, ſhal loſe and forſapꝛe foꝛ euery ſuch offence. .xx. li.  
wherof the one halfe to be to our ſayde ſoueraygne loꝛde the kyng and his  
heꝛes, and thother halfe to the ſaid party greued that ſhal oꝛ wil ſue foꝛ the  
ſame by action of dette by l playnt oꝛ infoꝛmation in any of the kynges couꝛ-  
tes, wherin no wager of lawe eſſoyne oꝛ pꝛotection ſhal be allowed: And the  
ſame ſute to be taken commenced and tried within any ſhyre of this realme,  
at the pleaſure of hym that ſhall purſue the ſame, any foꝛeyne plee oꝛ other  
matter to the contrary therof in any wiſe not withſtandynge.

**W**houlded that no maner perſon oꝛ perſons, other than ſuche as ben free  
burgheſys of the ſayd towne of Hulle, ſhall at any tyme hereafter, by aucto-  
rytie of this acte, ſell within the ſame towne any fyſhe oꝛ hearynge in ſmall  
and lyttel noumbꝛes and peces by retayle, but may and ſhall ſell ſaltefyſhe  
haberdens oꝛ ſtockeſyſhe by the hundred halfe hundred quartern oꝛ half quar-  
terne of any of them, and whete heꝛyng by the barell, halfebarell, oꝛ by fꝛy-  
kyn at the leaſt, and redde heꝛyng and ſpꝛottes by the cade, this acte oꝛ any  
thyng therein expꝛeſſed to the contrarye not withſtandynge.

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**C**An acte declarynge the order and punishment of pyzates and robbers on the see. cap. iiii.



Where pyzottes, theues, robbers, and murtherers vppon the see many tymes escape unpunished, bycause the trial of their offences hath heretofore be ordered befoze the admiral or his lieutenant or commissary after the cource of the ciuile lawes the nature wherof is, that befoze any iugement of death can be gyuen againste the offenders, eyther they muste playnely confesse theyr offences (whiche they wyl neuer doo without torture, or paynes) or elles their offences be so playnly and directly proued by witness in different, suche as sawe their offences commytted, whiche can not be gotten but by chaunce at fewe tymes, bycause suche offenders committe their offences vpon the see, and at many tymes murder and kyll suche persons beinge in the shippe or bote where they commytte theyr offences, whiche shuld bere witness agens them in that behalfe: and also suche as shulde beare witness be commonly mariners and shipmen, whiche for the most parte can not be gotten ne had alwayes redy to testifie suche offences, bycause of their often viages and passages in the sees without long taryeng & protraction of time and greatte costes and charges as well of the kynges highnes as of suche as wolde pursue suche offenders. For reformation wherof be it enacted, by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that al suche offences don in or vpon the see, or in any other haven riuer or creke, where the admiral or admirals pretende to haue iurisdiction, shalbe enquired tried herde and determined in suche shires & places in the realme, as shalbe lymitted by the kynges commission to be directed for the same, in lyke fourme and condition as if suche offences had ben done vppon the lande. And that suche commissions shal be had vnder the kynges greatte seale, directed to the lord admiral or admiralles, or to his or theyr lieutenaut deputye or deputies, and to thre or foure suche other substantiall persones as shal be named by the lord Chancellor for the tyme beinge, as often as nede shal requyre, to here and determine suche offences after the common cource of the lawes of the lande, bled for felonies done and committed within the realme.

And be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that suche persons, to whom suche commissions shalbe directed, or.iii. of them at the leaste, shal haue full power and auctorite to enquire of suche offences by the othes of. xii. good and lawfull men inhabtyed in the shire lymitted in their commission, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as if suche offences had be committed vpon the land within the same shyre: and that euery inditement founde and presented befoze such comissioners of any felonies robberies murders or manslaughter done vpon the sees, or in or vpon any other haven riuer or creke, shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe. And if any persone or personnes happen to be indited for any such offence, done or hereafter to be done vpon the sees, or

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In any other places aboue limited: that then suche order proces iudgements and execution shall be vsed hadde done and made to and against euery suche person and persons so beinge indited, as against felons and murderers for murder or felony done vpon the land, as by the lawes of the realme is accustomed. And that the tryall of suche offence, if hit be denyed by the offenders shall be had by twelue men inhabtyed in the shire lymitted within suche commission, whiche shall be directed as is aforesayd, and no challenge to be hadde for the hundred. And such as shall be conuicte of any suche offence by verdyte confession or proces, by auctorite of any suche commission, shall haue and suffer suche paynes of death, losses of londes goodes and cattelles, as if they hadde bene conuicte of any felonyes or murders doone vpon the landes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that for robberies felonies and murders done vpon the sees, or in any other places aboue reherfed, the offenders shall not be admytted to haue the benefite of their clergy, but be vtterly excluded therof, and also of the priuilege of any sanctuary.

¶ Provided alway that this acte extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons for takynge any bytayles, gabels, ropes, ankers, or sayles, whiche any suche person or persons compelled by necessitie taketh of or in any other shippe, whiche may conuenientely spare the same: Soo that the same person or persones pay out of hande for the same bitayle, gabels, ropes, ankers, or saylles, money or money worthe to the value of the thynge so taken, or delyuer for the same a sufficiente bylle obligatorie, to be payd in fourme folowynge, that is to saye, if the takynge of the same thynge be on this syde the straites of Harrok, than to be payd within.iiii. monethes: And if it be beyonde the sayde straites of Harrok, than to be payed within. xii. monethes nere ensuynge the makynge of suche bylles: And that the makers of suche bylles well and truly paye the same dette at the daye to be limited within the sayde bylles.

¶ Provided alway that whan so euer any such commission for the punishment of the offences aforesayde, shall be directed or sent to any place within the iurisdiction of the fyue portes, that then euery suche commission shall be directed vnto the lord warden of the same portes for the tyme beinge, or to his deputie, and vnto thre or foure suche other personne or persones, as the lord Chauncellour for the tyme beinge, shall name and appoynte: any thynge in this presente acte to the contrarye therof in any wyse not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also, that whan so euer any commission shall be directed in to the fyue portes, for the inquisition and trialles of any the offences expressed in this acte: that euery suche inquisition and tryal to be had by vertue of suche commission, shall be made and had by the inhabytauntes in the sayd fyue portes, or the membres of the same: any thinge in this acte to the contrarye therof not withstandinge.



An acte for makynge Justices of peace in Chester and  
wales. Capitulo. v.



He kynges hyghnes considerynge the manyfolde robberies murders thestes trespasses riots routes embzaceries main- tenaunces oppressions ruptures of his peace, and manye o- ther malfaites, whiche ben dayly practised perpetrated com- mitted and done within his countie & countie palantines of Chester & Flint there in wales, adioining to the said countie of Chester, & also in his counties of Anglice, otherwhise called Anglesey, Kaperneruan, & Merreioneth within his principalltie of Northwales: And also in his counties of Cardigan, Kapermerthe, Dembroke, & Glamorgā in south wales, by reason that common iustice hath not ben indifferently ministred there, lyke and in such fourme as it is in other places of this his realme: By reason wherof the said murders, robberies, thestes, trespasses, and brykynge of the peace haue remayned unpunished, to the great animation of euyl do- ers in the same counties. For redresse and amputation wherof, and to the in- tent that one order of ministring of his lawes shulde be had obserued & bled in the same, as in other places of this realme of Englande is had and bled: It is ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lord, and the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by thautozite of the same, that the lord Chancellor of Englande, or the lord keeper of the greate seale for the tyme beyng, frome tyme to tyme and at al tymes shal haue ful power and auctozite by his dis- cretion, to nominate and appoynte Justicers of peace, Justicers of the Quo- rum, and iusticers of Gaole deliuerie in the sayd counties of Chester, Flint, Anglesey, Kaperneruan, Merreioneth, Cardigan, Kapermerthen, Dem- broke, and Glamorgan, by comynsion vnder the kynges greate seale, whiche shal haue full power and auctozite to enquire here and determyne all maner thinge and thinges enquirable presentable or determinable be- fore iusticers of peace, iusticers of Quorum, and iusticers of gaole deliuerie in other shires of this realme of Englande, by force or vertue of any statute or statutes, made and to be made, or by the course of the common lawes of this realme. And that the sayd Justicers of peace, Justicers of Quorum, & Justicers of gaole deliuerie, so to be named & appoynted by the sayde lord Chancellor, or lord keeper of the greate seale, & euery of them, shal haue lyke power and auctozite within the sayd counties of Chester, Flint, Anglesey, Kaperneruan, Merreioneth, Cardigan, Kapermerthen, Dembroke, and Gla- morgā, to doo vse and execute euery thinge and thinges, as other iusti- cers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerie, haue within any other of the shires of this realme of Englande: And also shal be swoyne astricted and oblyged to the keepynge of theyr sessions of the peace, and to the due exe- cution of all and spynghular statutes and ordinaunces made and to be made, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paynes and penalties, as Just- cers

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ters of peace, Quoerum, and Gaole deliuerie, in other shires of this realme of Englande ben and shal be bounden and oblyged, any acte, statute, prescription, vsage custome, lybertie, or priuilege hadde made accustomed or vbled to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by thaurtorite afore sayde, that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forfayted by or befoze suche Justicers of peace, Quoerum, and gaole deliuerie, in the sayd counties of Chester and Flynt, shalbe retourned and certified into the eschequier of Chester, befoze the kynges Chamberlayne there. And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forfayted, by or befoze the Justicers of peace, Quoerum, and gaole deliuerie, in the sayde counties of Anglesey, Kapermeruan, and Dertreconeth, and euery of them, shal be returned and certified into the kynges eschequier at Kapermeruan, to and befoze the kynges Chamberlayne of Northwales. And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed, sette, loste, or forfayted by or befoze the iusticers of peace, Quoerum, and gaole deliuerie in the sayde counties of Kapermerthen, and Cardigan, and euery of them, shal be retourned and certified in to the kynges eschequier at Kapermerden to and befoze the kynges chamberlayne of southwales. And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette loste or forfayted by or befoze the iusticers of peace, Quoerum, and gaole deliuerie, in the countie of Dembroke, shalbe retourned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Dembroke.

¶ And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes taxed sette lost or forfayted by or befoze the Justicers of peace, Quoerum, and gaole deliuerie in the sayde countie of Glamorgan, shal be retourned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Kaperdiff. And that the sayde extreates of the sayd issues fines & amerciamentes, certified & retourned into euery of the forsaide eschequiers, shal be indented in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vbled in the kynges eschequier at westmyster. And that the sayde Justicers of peace and Quoerum or gaole deliuerie, in euery of the sayde shires, shal directe suche like processe by extreates indented, with the extreates certified into the sayd eschequiers, to the shyreff of euery of the sayde counties, for þe leuening and gatherynge of the sayde issues fines and amerciamentes, in suche lyke maner and fourme as is vbled by the Justicers of peace, quoerum, and gaole deliuerie in euery other of the shires within this realme of England. And that euery shyreff of euery of the sayde shires shal make theyr accomptes in euery of the said eschequiers of and for þe sayd issues fines & amerciamentes vpon the extreates to them directed in maner and forme, as is vbled in the the kynges eschequire of westminster.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that the sayd Justicers of peace, and clerkes of the peace within the sayde counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesey, Kapermeruan, Dertreconeth, Cardigan, Kapermerthen, Dembroke, and Glamorgan, and euery of them, shal be paid and allowed of the sayde issues fines and amerciamentes suche lyke fees profits and commodities

dittees as other iustices of peace and clerkes of the peace in other shires of this realme, haue and oughte to haue.

**A**nd it is farther enacted by authozite afore sayde, that the shireffe or his deputie and all other his ministers, in all and euery of the sayde shires, and al coroners, highe constables, pety constables, and other officers within euery of the sayde shires shalbe oblyged and bounden to be as wel attendaunt vnto the sayde iustices of peace, Quorum, and Gaole deliuerer, in all and euery thyng and thynges concernynge theyr authorities, as in executynge and retorning of all pceptes and processis to them directed by any of the sayd iusticiers, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paynes and penalties as all and euery sherriffes, coroners, and other officers be and shal be bounden and oblyged by any statute or comon lawe in other shires of this realme of Englande: any acte statute prescription vsage custome libertie or priuilege, had accustomed or vled to the contrary not withstandinge.

**A**n acte for encrease and byede of good hoxses. Ca. vi.



**H**e kynge our soueraygne lord continually studyng for the aduancement augmentacion and increase of the publyke weale of this his realme, calling to his most gracious memory the gret decay of the generatiō & byedyng of good & swyft and stronge hoxses, whiche here to fore haue bene byedde in this realme, to the greatte defence profite and common commoditie of the same: And nowe remembryng, that lyke byede of hoxses is fore diminished and decayed, the occasion wherof is thoughte to procede for that that in manye and mooste places of this realme commonlye lyttelle hoxses and nagges of smalle stature and value be suffred to depasture and also to conour maares and felys of very smalle stature, by reason wherof the byede of good and stronge hoxses of this realme is nowe lately diminished altered and decayed, and farther is lyke to decay, if speddy remedy be not sōner prouided in that behalfe. The kinges hyghnes willig therfore to prouide remedy in that behalfe, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and sō commons in this present parlyament assembled and by thauctortie of the same, hath ordeyned enacted and established, that euery person and persons, as well spirituall as tempozall, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be, which at this present time, or at any tyme here after shall haue any parke or grounde enclosed with hedge dyche walle or pale, wherein any dere is, or here after shall be vsuallye kepte for game, contempnyng the quantyte of one myle in compas, and is or shall be seised therof in fee symple fee taylor or for terme of lyfe, in possession to his or theyr owne profite and behofe, that euery such owner of euery such parke and grounde, beinge in his owne hande: and euery fermier of euery suche parke or grounde, beinge letten to ferme, from the firste day of May, that shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M.D. XXXV. shal kepe for euery such parke



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parke oꝝ grounde, beinge enclosed, as is afoze sayde, as longe as the same parke oꝝ grounde enclosed shall be vsed and kepte with deere in the same foꝝ games, two maares beinge not spayed, apte and able to beare folis, eche of them of the altytude oꝝ height of. xiii. handfulles at the leaste, to be mesured from the lowest parte of the houe of the fote vnto the hyghest parte of the shulder, and euery handfull to conteyne foure inches of the standarde, vppon payne of foꝝsapture of .xl. s. foꝝ euery monethe lackynge the sayde maares contrary to this act. And that euery suche owner oꝝ fermer of parke oꝝ grounde, wherof the compas is foure miles and aboue, vpon paine afoze expessed, shall kepe foꝝ euery suche parke foure maares beinge not spayed apte and able to beare folis, of the altytude oꝝ heighte of. xiii. handefulles at the leaste, to be mesured as is afoze sayde.

**PROVIDED**, that if it shal happen any of the sayde maares by mischaunce oꝝ casualtie foꝝ to dye, that then the loꝝde owner oꝝ owners of the sayde maares pꝛouyding oꝝ byenge others of lyke heygth and altytude, as is befoze ly-  
mitted, within thye monethes nexte after the death of the same maares, shall not incurre the daunger & penaltie of this estatute, any thinge befoze reher-  
sed to the contrary not withstandinge.

**And** it is also enacted by auctozite afozesayde, that the loꝝde owners and fermers of all parkes and groundes inclosed as is aboue rehersted, lympt-  
ted and appoynted by this acte to kepe mares, shal not at any tyme after the  
sayde fyfte day of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our loꝝde god . M.  
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lepte with any stoned houle, vnder the stature of fourtene handfulles, to be  
mesured in fourme afoze rehersted, vppon payne of foꝝsapture of .xl. s. The  
moytie of all whiche foꝝsaptures shalbe to the kynge our soueraygne loꝝde:  
And the other moytie therof to the partie that wille sue foꝝ the same in any  
courte of our sayde soueraygne loꝝde the kynge, by action bylle playnte oꝝ  
infoꝝmation oꝝ other wise, in whiche action oꝝ sute the defendaunt shall not  
be admitted to wage his lawe, noꝝ any essoien oꝝ pꝛotectiō shall be vnto the  
defendaunt allowed in that behalfe.

**PROVIDED** ALVVAY, that this acte extende not to charge the  
loꝝde owner oꝝ owners of any parke oꝝ grounde, inclosed within the coun-  
ties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the byshop-  
riche of Durham, noꝝ any of them to kepe any mares foꝝ any parke oꝝ par-  
kes, grounde oꝝ groundes enclosed, as is afoze sayde, lyenge in the sayde  
counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the bis-  
shopryche of Durham, other wyse thanne they haue oꝝ myght haue doone  
befoze the makynge of this acte: And also shall extende to charge the loꝝdes  
owner oꝝ owners of any parke oꝝ parkes oꝝ groundes enclosed, with the fin-  
dyng of any mares, that bage of whiche park, oꝝ parkes, is common to the  
tenauntes and inhabytauntes of the towne shippes next adioynynge to the  
same parke oꝝ parkes, any thinge in this pꝛesent acte made to the contrary  
hereof not withstandinge.

**PROVIDED**

Wherbynd also, that euery spirituall persone and personnes, charged and chargeable by this acte with the fyndinge of mares, may lawfully bargaine and selle the increase and brede of these sayd mares: any act or actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wyse nor withstanding.

An acte agaynst vnlawfull exactions and vsages taken and bled in the foresters of wales. capit. vii.



Where diuers and many foresters be in Wales and the marches of the same, as wel of the inheritance and possessions of our fourerapne lord the kinge, as of diuerse others beinge lordes marchers: within whiche foresters certayne vntreasonablc customes and exactions haue ben of longe tyme vnlawfully exacted and bled, contrary both to the lawe of god and man, to the expresse wronge and great inpossessione of diuers of the kinges subiectes: The effecte of whiche said vnlawful exactions and customes be hereafter declared, that is to witte, it hath ben there vnlawfully bled, that if it fortuneth any of the kinges subiectes to passe go or ride through or in any way or path of any of the sayde foresters, nor hauinge vpon hym or them, that so shall fortune to passe go or ride, a token deliuered to hym or them by the chief foresters rulers walkers or fermers, the whiche token shal be wel known amongst al them that are walkers and rulers vnder him or them: Or that he or they that so shall fortune to passe go or ride in or throuth any of the sayd foresters be nor verely tributours or chensers: then he or they so goyng or ryding or traualleing in or throuth any of the sayde foresters, hauinge no token, nor beinge verely tributours or chensers, as is aforesayde, haue bled to pay by vnlawful exactions vnto the said foresters rulers walkers and fermers of the sayd foresters, a greuous fyne or rewarde. And if any person or persons, not hauinge suche token or tokens, and not beinge a verely tributour, or a chenser as is aforesayde, shoulde happen to be taken, found, or espyed by any of the said foresters rulers walkers or fermers or their assignes by the space of xliii. fote out of the high way, then he or they so being taken founde or espyed out of the high way, within any of the sayde foresters, as is aforesayde, to forsaite and lose vnto the sayde foresters, rulers, walkers and fermers, all suche money and golde, as shoulde be then founde vpon hym or them, so being taken in any of the sayde foresters, out of the high way, as is aforesayde. And also the same person or persons so being taken or found out of the high way, to forsaite and lose a toun of one of his or their haddes, yels to make fyne therfore with the said foresters rulers walkers and fermers, at the wyl and pleasure of the said rulers walkers or fermers. And if also that it happen any beaste or quicke catel to come go or escape into any of the said foresters by strap, or thefe stolen, or other wise, the said foresters rulers walkers or fermers, after knowlege to him or the giuen, haue like wise vnlawfully bled to seise & take the same beaste or cattell, as his or their owne, and



marke them with the marke of their forest, there used: and so sealed marked taken and then retayne as cattell forsaken unto theyr owne use, by reason wherof the owner and owners of the same cattell haue ben clere without remedie for the hauinge agayne of the said cattell; excepte onely by waye of redemption, or bieng agayne of theyr owne cattelle, contrarie to all equitie & conscience. In consideration wherof it may please the kinges highnes, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons at this present parlyament assembled and by the auctorite of the same, to enacte or decrete and establishe, that from the feast of the Natiuite of saynte Iohn Baptiste nexte commyng, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god .M.D. XXXVI. all the sayde vnlawfull customes to be determined, boyde, and had for nought throught all and euery of the sayde forestes within woales and the marches of the same: And that it shall be lawfull from thenceforth to all and euery of the kynges trewe subiectes, and all other person or persons beinge in lege and amitie with our soveraigne lord the kyng, his heires and successours kinges of Englande, frely quietly and in peate to passe and repasse trauaile and go into and throughe the sayde forestes and euery of them, bothe on horsebacke and on foote, as well folowinge and bypynge of catel, as with carieng of wares, or other wyse aboute their lawfull busines and affaires, without any fine for saynture tolle custome extraction or other imposition, to be taken exacted, or demaunded of them or of any of them, by the said fosters rulers walkers fermers or their assignes. And if it shall chaunce or happen any of the sayde fosters rulers walkers fermers or their assignes or any of them, at any tyme after the sayde feast of saynte Iohn Baptiste, to take any person or persons, beinge the kynges trewe subiectes, or other wyse in lege & amitie with our said soverain lord his heires or successours kinges of Englande, as is aforesayde, and exacte and take of them or of any of them any of the sayde forsayntures fines tolles customes or extractions, as is aboue mencioned, and be therof lawfully convicted, that then he or they so doing and offending contrarie to this acte, to incurre and stande in the dangers of the estatute heretofore provided for robberies by the kynges hygh waye, and the same to be tried before the Justices of the peace in the nexte thre adioynante, accordyng to the lawe of this realme of Englande.

AND FURTHER BE IT ENACTED by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any maner of beest or quicke cattell of any of the kinges true subiectes, or others the kynges frendes, at any tyme after the sayde feast of the Natiuite of saynte Iohn Baptiste, to come in to any of the sayde forestes by strapes, theefe stolen, or otherwise, and there to be marked and sealed by any of the sayde fosters rulers walkers fermers or their assignes, or any of them, and the owner or owners of the same cattell within one yere and a day than nexte ensuyng chaunce to fynde the sayde cattell so taken, and lawfully proue the same to be his or their owne propre cattell, that then the same cattell to be redelyuered to the owner or owners therof, accordyng to the ancient lawe of this realme of Englande, the sayde owner or owners reasona-



reasonable payenge for the keepynge of suche catell, after the rate of the tyme that suche catell shall haue ben in the custody and keepynge of any suche forsters rulers walkers and fermers or his or their assignes, in such maner and fourme, as heretofore hath ben in lyke case vsed to be doone by the lawe of this realme of estrayed cattell claymed and proued by the owners, within a yere and a daye nexte after the seasyng of the same catell. And if any of the sayd forsters rulers walkers fermers their assignes or any of the do deny the redeliuerance of any such catell, by them or any of them so sealed & marked within any of the said forrestes, after the owner or owners of them shall haue dewely & lawefully proued them to be his or their owne proper goodes & catelles, as is aforesayde, that then euery suche forster ruler walker fermier or assignes so doynge and offendynge contrary to this acte, to forsaite and pay vnto the partie greued the double value of all suche catell, as shall be so taken and marked, and not redelyuered to the owner or owners, as is aforesayde: And if the partie greued may haue his action of detinue at the comon lawe of and for the same catell, agaynste euery suche offender or offenders, and the same to be tried in the next hye aduocante: in whiche action the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor essoen nor protection shall be allowed for them: And lyke processe of outlagary to be had & made in the said action of detinue in the next hye aduocante agaynste euery forster ruler walker fermier or their assignes, so offendynge contrary to the tenour of this act, as in an action of trespass at the comon lawe of this realme is vsed.

**C**An acte that the kynges spirituall subiectes shall paye no tenthe of their spirituall promotions for that fyrste yere, for whiche they paye theyr fyrste frutes.

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Where by a late acte made in this parlyament for and concerning the graunte made to the kynges hyghnes of the tenth of the yerely value of all spirituall possessions of this realme, and of the first frutes therof, there appereth by the wordis of the sayd act, that pzelates and al other incumbentes be charged to the payment of the tenthe that shall be due to the kynges hyghnes, in and for the fyrste yere that they shall be elected, pfected, presented, collated, or admytted to any dignities, benefices, or other promotions spirituall, and for the same fyrste yere shall also pay the hole fyrst frutes of their sayde dignities, benefices, and promotions, whiche is a double charge. For reformation wherof, the kynges hyghnesse for thentier and hartye loue that his grace beareth to the pzelates and other incumbentes, chargeable to the paymente of the sayde tenthe and fyrst frutes, of his excellent goodnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that whanne soo euer any persone

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oꝛ personnes, frome the fyrste daye of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god a thousande fyue hundred thirtie and fyve, shall be named, pꝛefected, pꝛesented, collated, oꝛ by any other meanes appoynted to haue any Archebyschopꝛiche, Byschopꝛiche, abbacye, monasterie, pꝛiorye, colledge, hospitall, archedecontry, deanerye, pꝛouostshyppe, pꝛebende, personage, vicarage, chauntry, freechapel, oꝛ other dygnitie benefice oꝛ pꝛomotion spiritual, by vertue wherof, they shalbe charged oꝛ chargeable, as well foꝛ the payment of the .x. of euery of the sayd archebyschopꝛych, byschopꝛich, abbacy, monasterie, pꝛiorye, colledge, hospitall, archedecontry, deanry, pꝛouostshyppe, pꝛebende, personage, bycarage, chauntry, freechapelle, oꝛ other dignite, benefice, oꝛ pꝛomotion spiritual, as with the paiement of the first frutes of the same, and euery of the same, shal at his oꝛ their composition, agreement, oꝛ entree into specialtie oꝛ specialties, foꝛ the payment of the sayd fyrst frutes, haue allowance and deduction of the sayde .x. parte of the holle, oute of the summe to be payed foꝛ the sayde fyrst frutes foꝛ the yere, wherin he oꝛ they shall be firste nominated, pꝛefected, pꝛesented, collated, oꝛ by any other meanes appoynted, to haue any of the sayd dignities, benefices, offices, oꝛ other pꝛomotions spiritual, accoꝛdyng to the iuste rate, taxation, and celsment of the .x. of euery of the said archbyschopꝛich byschopꝛich abacy monasterie pꝛiory colledge hospitall archedecontry deanery pꝛouostshyp pꝛebende personage vicarage chauntry freechapel oꝛ other dignitie, benefice, office, oꝛ pꝛomotion spiritual within this realme, oꝛ els where within any of the kynges dominions of what name nature oꝛ qualite so euer they be, oꝛ to whose foundatioꝛ patronage oꝛ gifte so euer they belonge, nowe beyng enrolled, oꝛ that hereafter shall be enrolled in the kynges Eschequier, oꝛ in any other the kynges courtes of recoꝛde.

¶ AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED that euerye commissioner oꝛ commissyoners, oꝛ other the kynges officers oꝛ mynysters, oꝛ any other personne oꝛ personnes, whiche epyther by auctoꝛitie of any acte of parlyamente, oꝛ by commissyon oꝛ commissyons, vnder the kynges greatte Seale, oꝛ otherwyle by his graces commaundemente, oꝛ by the commaundemente of suche as by his byghnes shall be auctoꝛised foꝛ that purpose, be appoynted assigned oꝛ deputed, oꝛ that hereafter shall be appoynted auctoꝛised assigned oꝛ deputed, to compounde agre and receiue bondes and specialties to his maiesties vse, foꝛ paymente of the sayde fyrst frutes of euery of the said dygnities benefices offices oꝛ other pꝛomotions spiritual, shal and maye by foꝛce of this acte, from the sayde fyrst daye of Maye foꝛ euer foꝛwarde, haue auctoꝛitie to deducte and allowe vnto euery suche persone oꝛ personnes, as frome the foꝛesayde fyrst daye of Maye, shall be nominated, pꝛefected, pꝛesented, collated, oꝛ by any other meanes appoynted to haue any of the sayde archebyschopꝛiche byschopꝛiche abbacie monasterie pꝛiory colledge hospitall archedecontry deanry pꝛouostshyp pꝛebende personage vicarage chantry freechapel oꝛ other dignitie benefice office oꝛ pꝛomotion

tion spirituall, the tenth parte of the hole, as is aforesayde, out of the same fyfte frutes for the yere, wherein he or they shall be fyfte nominated, preferred, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed vnto euery of the same, as is aforesayde, without any farther suite to be made to the kynges highnes, and without imposition exaction or other charge to be in any wise beaunded or exacted of the persone or personnes so preferred, for the allowance vnto them of the sayde tenth, for the sayd fyfte yere in foure aboue expressed: any thyng or thynges in the sayde act of the graunte of the sayde tenth and fyfte frutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that all and euery persone and persons, that vpon his or theyr composition and agreement for the fyfte frutes, shall be default and allowed the tenth part of the hole some of his or theyr dignities benefices offices or promotions spirituall, for the yere wherein he or they shall be fyfte nominated preferred presented collated or by any other meanes appointed vnto any of the same, as is aboue sayde, shall pelde and paye the sayde tenth part vnto the kynges maiestie his heirs and successours, the sayde fyfte yere in lyke maner and fourme, and at suche daye as is lymitted in the sayde acte of the graunt of the sayde tenth and fyfte frutes: any thyng contempned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Be it farther enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that in such cases, where the successour of any incumbent shall be chargeable to the payment of suche sommes of money, as shall be due of and for the sayde tenth, that shall happen to be behynd vnpayd in the tyme or lyfe of his predecessour, there euery such successour may lawfully distrayn such goodes and catals of his predecessour, as shall happen to be and remaine in and vpon the dignitie benefice or promotion spirituall, of the whiche the same tenth was behynd and vnpayde in the lyfe or tyme of his predecessour, and to retepne the sayd goodes and catelles tyll suche tyme as the sayde predecessour, if he be alque, and if he be deed, then his executours or administratours, or suche other, to whom his goodes and catelles shulde apperteyne, haue fully satisfied & paid such sommes of money, as shall happen to be behinde & vnpayed of the sayd tenth. And in case the said predecessour, his executours administratours, or suche other to whom his goodes or catalles shulde apperteyne, within. xii. dayes nexte after the distresse therof, doo not satisfye the sayd sommes of moneye, beinge behinde of the sayd tenth, as is aforesayd: that then for suche default of payment it shall be laful to euery such successour to cause the said goodes and catalles so distreined, to be preyed by two or thre indifferent personnes to be sworne for the same: And accoꝝdyng to the same appreyssinge to sell so moche therof, as shall amounte as well to the full satisfaction of the sayde sommes of money, beinge behinde and vnpayed of the sayd tenth, in the lyfe or tyme of his predecessour, as for the reasonable costes, that shall be spent by occasion of distreynynge and apprayssinge of the same goodes and catalles. And in case no sufficient goodes and catalles may be found in or vpon suche

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Dignities, benefices, or promotions spiritual, for the satisfaction of the said tenth, being behynde vnpayde, as is aboue sayde, that then the predeces-  
sour, by whom suche tenth was due to be payde, if he be a lyue: and if he be  
deed, then his executours adminystratours and other, to whom his goodes  
and catelles shall appertayne or belonge, shall be compelled to the payement  
of the said tenth being behynde and vnpayde as is aforesayd, by byl to be  
pursued in the kynges Chauncery by the successour that shall be chargeable  
for the same, or els by action or playnt of dette to be taken or commenced by  
such successour by order of the common lawes.

**C**An acte wherby all bouchers be lycenced to sell fleche by retayle vnto the  
xxiii. day of Aprill, whiche shall be in the yere of our  
lozde god. M. D. XL. Ca. ix.



Here in this present parliament begunne at London the. iiij.  
day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the regne of our souer-  
aygne lozde the kyng that now is, and from thens adioyn-  
ed to westm, & there by diuers prorogations hyther to conti-  
nued, in one session there holden the. xxiii. yere of our said so-  
uerain lozdes reigne amongst dyuers beneficiall estatutes  
there made, it was enacted, that euery persō which dyd sel after the first day  
of August, in the sayd. xxiii. yere, any beaffe porke mutton or beale, or any  
partte or parcell therof, shulde sell the same by laifull weyghte called haberd-  
depors, and none otherwyle, after the pryce in the same acte conteyned and  
especificed: as in the same acte moze playnly is conteyned. And where after-  
wardes for so moch as sufficient auctoritie was not gauen by the said acte to  
the Justices of the pece, maires, bayliffes, sheriues, & other officers rehered  
in the sayde former acte to punishe the offenders, and suche other as wolde  
not sell by weyghte accor dyng to the force of the sayd acte: at an other session  
holden in the. xxv. yere of our sayde soueraygne lozdes regne, it was than  
by an other estatute enactid, that from the. xx. day of February, in the yere of  
our lozde god. M. D. XXXIII. it shulde be laifull to all and euery mayres,  
sheryffes, constables, bayliffes, and other gouernours of cities, boroughes,  
and market townes, as wel within libertties as without, to whom any com-  
playnt shuld be made vpon any boucher his wife seruantis or other his my-  
nisters, refusing to sell the said vitayles by trewe and laifull weyghte, accor-  
dyng to the tenour of the said former acte, not onely to commytte euery su-  
che boucher or other suche offender to warde, there to remain without bayle  
or maynprie, vnto suche tyme as they and euery of theym shall haue payde  
all the forsaيتures and penalties compysed in the sayde former acte: but al-  
so euery of the sayde mayres and other hed officers and their deputies shuld  
sell or cause to be solde all suche vitayles by trewe weyghte and for redy mo-  
ney, as in the sayd acte made in the sayd. xxv. yere moze at large is expressed.  
The kynges hyghnes well considerynge the great darth of all maner of vi-  
tayles

carles, whiche be now and since the making of the said estatutes hath fallen and happened within this his realm, as well by mozturie and death of such catell, as by great water and unseasonable wethers, wherby the brede and encrease of the same is much enpaired and diminished: in such wise that if the sayd former estatutes were put in execution, the bouchers and sellers of such vntayles were not able to lyue, nor that his commons shuld be wel serued therof: the scarcitie of the same considered, by his accustomed goodnes the premisses consideringe, is contented by thassent of his maiestie, with the assente of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and of his commons in this his present parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that it be ordeyned establisshed and enacted, that froth the xiii. daye of Aprill, in the yere of oure lord god .M.D. XXXVI. vnto the xliii. daye of Aprill, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god .M.D. XL. all bouchers and other sellynge of fleshe by retayle, maye lawefully kylle and selle all maner biese porke mutton and beale, being good and holssome for mans bodye, at their pleasures and lybertyes, as frely and lyberally as they or any of them byd or myght haue done at any tyme before the makinge of the sayde estatutes, made in the xliii. and xxb. yere of our sayde soueraygne lordes reygne, without any losse, payne, imprisonment, forfature, or penaltie, to be by them or any of them, or the successours of them or any of them, had lost boyn or sustained in that behalfe, during the tyme before limited. The same estatutes made in the sayd xliii. and xxb. yere, or eyther of them, or any clause sentence forfature payne losse or any other thinge in thei or any of theym to the contrary in any wise not withstanding: And that the same estatutes and eyther of them, and every clause sentence and article in thei and eyther of them contained, shall be in suspence and not put in execution during the sayd tyme.

¶ And where also by an nother estatute, made in the sayde xxb. yere of the reygne of our sayde soueraygne lord, it was enacted, that no such yngedales, whiche shulde happe to falle or be calued betwene the fyrst daye of January than next ensuinge, and the fyrst daye of May, duringe two hole yeres nexte after folowynge, shuld be kylled, and put to sale by any bouchers or other person, hole or by retayle, to any person or persones duringe the sayde two yeres, vpon the paynes conteyned in the sayde estatute, as by the same estatute moze playnely appereth: The kyng our soueraygne lord of his excellent goodnes, to thentent that his louing subiectes shuld be the better prouyded of the moze plenty of vitayles apon this holy tyme of Easter next comynge, is also contented that it be enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that all bouchers and other sellynge of fleshe by retayle, may lawfully froth the said xiii. daye of Aprill, in the yere of our lord god .M.D. XXXVI. duringe two hole yeres then next ensuinge, kylle and selle calues hole or by retayle at their pleasures and lybertyes, without any losse payne damage penaltie or forfature by them or any of them to be had sustained or losse in that behalfe: The sayde estatute made for kyllynge of calues to endure for two yeres, or any thinge

thinge in the same conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding  
 And be it further enacted by the sayde authority, that the sayde act made  
 for the kyllynge of calves shall begyn to take effecte the first day of Janu-  
 ary the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god .M.D.XXXIX. and  
 from thensforth to endure and contynue two hole yeres than nexte and im-  
 mediately ensuynge; any thinge conteyned in this present acte to the contra-  
 ry not withstandinge.

And also be it further enacted by the sayde authority, that the sayde act made  
 for the kyllynge of calves shall begyn to take effecte the first day of Janu-  
 ary the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god .M.D.XXXIX. and  
 from thensforth to endure and contynue two hole yeres than nexte and im-  
 mediately ensuynge; any thinge conteyned in this present acte to the contra-  
 ry not withstandinge.



Where by the common lawes of this realme, landes tenemen-  
 tes and hereditamentes be not divisible by testamente nor  
 ought to be transferred from one to an other, but by solempne  
 livery and seison, matter of recorde, wytyng suffeyente,  
 made bona fide without couyne or fraude: yet neuer the les  
 bynners & sondry imaginations, subtile inuentions, & prae-  
 tises haue ben used: wherby the hereditamentes of this realme haue ben  
 conueyed from one to an other: by fraudulent feoffementes synes recou-  
 ries and other assurances craftely made, to secrete vles intentes and trustes  
 and also by wylles and testaments, sometyme made by nude parol and  
 wordes, sometyme by signes and tokens, and sometyme by wytyng, & for the  
 most part made by such persons as be visited with sickenes in their extreme  
 agonies and paynes, or at suche tyme as they haue hadde scantly any good  
 memoire or reasonyng: At whiche tymes they being prouoked by greedy  
 and couetouse persons, lienge in a wayt about them, do many tymes dispose  
 and secretly and baduisedly their landes and inheritances, By reason wher  
 of, and by occasion of whiche fraudulent feoffementes, synes, recoueries, &  
 other lyke assurances to vles, confidences and trustes, diuers and many hei-  
 res haue ben iniustly at sondry times disherited, the lordes haue loste their  
 wardes, marriages, trespases, baroties, elchetes aides pur faire fitz chivalers  
 es pur fide marier, and scantly any personne can be certeynly assured of any  
 landes by them purchased, nor knowen surely agayne whome they shal vse  
 their actions or recoueries for theyr ryghtes titles and dueties: Also manie  
 married haue loste theyr tenaunces by the courtesye, wothen theyr dowres,  
 manifest perjuries by trial of suche secret wylles and vles haue ben com-  
 mitted, The kynges highnesse hath loste the profittes and aduantages  
 of the lordes of persones attainted, and of the landes craftely put in feffe-  
 ments to the vles of aliens boyn, and also the profittes of waste for a yere  
 and a day, of landes of felons attainted, and the lordes their elchetes ther-  
 of, and many other incontinences haue happened and daily doo encrease  
 among the kynges subiectes to theyr greate trouble and inquietnes, and to  
 the better subuersion of the auncient common lawes of this realme. For the  
 extirpynge and extingulshement of all such subtyll practised feoffementes,  
 synes, recoueries, abuses, and errors, heretofore vled & accustomed in this  
 realme,



realme, to the subuersion of the good and auncient lawes of the same, and to the intent that the kynges highnes, or any other his subiectes of this realme shall not in any wise here after by any meanes or inuencions, be deceyued damaged or hurted by reason of suche trustes vles or confidences, hit maye please the kynges most to pall maiestie, that it may be enacted by his highnes, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme folowynge: that is to saye, that where any person or persones stand or be leased; or at any tyme hereafter shall happen to be leased of and in any honours castelles manours landes tenementes rentes seruyces reuertions remaynders or other hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or trust of any other personne or personnes, or of any body politike, by reason of any bargayne sale feffement fine recouerie couenant contract agreement wyll or other wyse, by any maner meanes what so euer it be, that in euery suche case all and euery suche person and persons, and bodies polypike, that haue or hereafter shall haue any such vse, confidence, or trust, in fee simple, fee tayl, for terme of lyfe or of yeres, or other wyse: or any vse confidence or trust in remainder or reuerter, shall from henceforth stonde and be leased demed and adiudged in lawfull feson estate and possession of and in the same honours castels manours landes tenementes rentis seruices reuertions remainders and hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces to all intentes constructions and purposes in the lawe of and in such like estates as they had or shall haue in vse truste or confidence of: or in the same. And that the estate righte ryght and possession, that was in suche person or personnes, that were or hereafter shall be leased of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of any suche person or persones, or of any body polypike, be from henceforth clerely demed and adiudged to be in hym or them that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confydence or truste, after suche qualitie maner fourme and condition, as they had befoze in or to the vse confidence or truste that was in them.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that where byuers and many persons be or hereafter shall happen to be ioynly leased of and in any landes tenementes rentes reuertions remainders or other hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of any of them that be so ioynly leased, that in euery such case, that those person or persons, which haue or hereafter shall haue any suche vse confidence or truste in any suche landes tenementes rentes reuertions remaynders or hereditamentes, shall from henceforth haue and be demed and adiudged to haue onely to hym or them; that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, suche estate possession and seison, of and in the same landes tenementes rentes reuertions remaynders or other hereditamentes in lyke nature maner fourme condition and course, as he or they hadde befoze in the vse confidence or truste of the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes: sauinge and reseruinge to all and synghuler persones and bodies polypike, theyr heires and successours

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cessours, other than those person or persons, whiche be sealed or hereafter shall be sealed of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes to any vse, confidence or truste, all suche ryght tyle entre interest possession rentes and action, as they or any of them had or myghte haue hadde before the makinge of this acte.

**¶** And also sauynge to all and synghuler those persons, and to theyr heires, which be or hereafter shall be sealed to any vse, all suche former ryght, tyle, entre, interest, possession, rentes, customes, seruices, and action, as they or any of them might haue had to his or their owne propre vse in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, whereof they be or hereafter shall be sealed to any other vse, as if this presente acte had neuer bene had nor made: any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

**¶** And where also dyuers persons stand or be seled of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, in fee synple or otherwysse to the vse or intent of some other person or persons, shall haue and perceiue perely to them and to his or their heires one annuell rente of tenne poundes or moze or lesse, out of the same landes and tenementes, and som other person one other annuell rent to him and his assignes for terme of life, or yeres, or for some other speciall tyme, accordynge to suche intent and vse, as hath bene heretofore declared lymitted and made therof: Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in every such case the same persons their heires and assignes, that haue suche vse and interest, to haue and perceiue any suche annuell rentes out of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that they or every of them theyr heires and assignes be adiuaged and demed to be in possession and seison of the same rente of and in suche lyke estate as they had in the tyle interest or vse of the sayde rent or profite, and as if a sufficient graunt or other launful conueyance had be made and executed to them by suche as were or shall be sealed to the vse or intent of any suche rente to be had made or payed accordynge to the very trust and intent therof. And that all and every suche person and persons as haue or hereafter shall haue any tyle vse and interest in or to any suche rente or profite, shall launfully distreyn for none payment of the sayde rente, and in their owne names make aduowtries, or by theyr Bayliffes or seruantes make consaunces & Justifications, and haue all other lutes entrees and remedies for suche rentes, as if the same rentes hadde be actualle and really graunted to them with sufficient clauses of distresse reentre or otherwysse, accordynge to suche condicions: paynes or other thinges lymitted and appoynted vpon the truste and intente for payement or suretie of suche rente.

**¶** And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that where as dyuers persones haue purchased or haue estate made and conueyed of and in diuers landes tenementes and hereditamentes vnto them and to their wifes and to the heires of the husbände, or to the husbände and to the wyfe, and to the heires of theyr two bodies begoten, or to the heires of one of theyr bodies

dies begotten, or to the husbande and to the wyfe for terme of their lyues, or for terme of lyfe of the sayd wyfe: Or where any such estate, or purchase of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes hath benne or here after shall be made to any husbande & to his wyfe, in maner and forme aboue exprest, or to any other person or persones, and to their heires and assignes, to the use and behoue of the sayde husbande and wyfe, or to the use of the wyfe, as is before reherced, for the tynnter of the wyfe: that then in every suche case, every woman married, havinge suche tynnter made or hereafter to be made, shall not claime nor have titlere: have any dowre of the residue of the landes tenementes or hereditamentes that at any tyme were her sayde husbandes, by whom she hath any suche tynnter, nor shall demaunde nor claime her dowre of and agaynst them that have the landes and inheritaunces of her sayde husbande. But if she have no suche tynnter, thenne she shall be admitted and inhabeled to pursue have and demaunde her dowre by writ of dowre, after the dewe counseil and order of the common lawes of this realme: this acte or any lawe or pprovision made to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided also, that if any suche woman be lawfully expelled or ejected frome her sayde tynnter, or frome any parte thereof, without any faulte or couine by lawful entree action or by discontinuance of her husband, then every suche woman shall be endowed of as moche of the residue of her husbandes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof she was before dowable, as the same landes and tenementes, so expelled and expelled, shall amounte or extende unto.

¶ Provided also, that this acte nor any thinge therein colleynd or exprest, extende or be in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to any woman or women heretofore beinge married, of for or concernyng suche right title use interest or possession, as they or any of them have claime or pretende to have for her or they tynnter or dowre of in or to any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes of any of their late husbandes, beinge now deceased, any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also, that if any wife have or hereafter shall have any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, vnto her gyven or assured after marriage for terme of her lyfe, or other wyse in tynnter, excepte the same assurance be to her made by acte of parliament, and the sayd wife after that fortune to over lyve the same her husband, in whose tyme the sayd tynnter was made or assured vnto her, that thenne the same wyfe, so overlivinge, shall and may at her libertie, after the death of her sayde husbande refuse to have and take the landes and tenementes, so to her gyven appointed or assured, duringe the coverture, for terme of her lyfe or other wyse in tynnter: excepte the same assurance be to her made by acte of parliament, as is abovesaide, and therupon to have aske demaunde & take her dowre by writ of dowre or otherwise, accordyng to the common lawe, or and in all suche landes, tenementes



mentes and hereditamentes, as her husbande was and shode sealed of any  
state of inheritances at any tyme duringe the coverture, any thinge con-  
teyned in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided also that this present acte nor any thinge therein conteyned, ex-  
tend, nor be at any tyme hereafter interpreted, expounded or taken to ex-  
tincte release discharge or suspende any statute, reconisance, or other bond,  
by the execution of any estate of or in any lādes tenementes or hereditamentes  
by the auctoritie of this acte, to any person or persons or bodies polytrike any  
thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And for as much as great ambiguities & doubtles may arise of the validite  
and invalidite of willes heretofore made of any landes tenementes and he-  
reditamentes, to the great trouble of the kinges subiectes, the kynges most  
royall maiestie in vindinge the tranquillite and rest of his towne subiectes;  
of his most excellent and accustomed goodnes is pleased and contented, that  
it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all maner trowes  
and iuste willes and testaments heretofore made by any person or persons  
deceased, or that shall deasse before the firste daye of May, that shall be in  
the yere of our lordes god .M. D. XXXVI. of any landes, tenementes, or  
other hereditamentes, shall be taken and accepted good and effectual in the  
lawe after suche fashion maner and fourme as they were commonly taken  
and vled at any tyme within forty yeres next afore the making of this acte  
any thinge conteyned in this acte, or in the preamble therof, or any opinion  
of the common lawe to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaies, that the kinges highnes shall not have demaunde  
or take any aduantage or profite for or by occasion of the executinge of a  
ny estate onely by auctoritie of this acte, to any personne or persons or bo-  
dies polytrike, whiche now we haue, or on this lyde the sayd first day of May,  
whiche shall be in the yere of our lordes god .M. D. XXXVI. shall haue a  
ny yle or vles trustes or confidences in any manours landes tenementes  
or hereditamentes holden of the kinges highnes, by reason of primer sea-  
son, luerie, veter le mayne, fine for alienation, reliefe, or harriot: but that fi-  
nes for alienations relifes and harriottes shalbe payed to the kinges high-  
nes: And also lueries & veter le maynes shalbe sued for vles, trustes, & con-  
fidences to be made and executed in possession, by auctoritie of this acte, af-  
ter and from the sayd firste day of May, of landes & tenementes and other  
hereditamentes holden of the kinge in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all  
intentions constructions and purposes as hath heretofore vled or accustomed  
by the order of the lawes of this realme.

¶ Provided also, that no other person or persons or bodies polytrike, of whom  
any landes tenementes or hereditamentes be or here after shalbe holden mediate  
or immediate, shall in any wise demaunde or take any fine relife or harriot  
for or by occasion of the executinge of any estate by the auctoritie of this acte  
to any person or persons or bodies polytrike, before the sayd firste daye of  
May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lordes god .M. D. XXXVI.

And

**A**nd be it enacted, by auctoritie aforesayd, that all and singuler persone and persons, and bodieys polittike, whiche at any tyme on this syde the said first day of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M.D. XXXVI. shall haue any estate vnto them executed of and in any lades tenementes or hereditametes, by the auctorite of this acte, shal and may haue and take the same or lyke aduantage, benefite, vouchet, ayde, prayer, remedye, commoditie, and profite by action entree condicion or other wyse, to al intentes constructions and purposes, as the persone or persones sealed to theyr vse of or in any suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes, so executed had shulde might or oughte to haue had at the tyme of the execution of the estate therof, by the auctoritie of this acte, against any other person or persones of or for any waste, disseison, trespas, condicion broken, or any other offence cause or thinge concerninge or touching the sayd landes or tenementes, so executed by the auctoritie of this acte

**P**rouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that actions now depending against any person or persons, sealed of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to any vse truste or confidence, shall not abate ne be discharged for or by reason of executinge of any estate therof by auctoritie of this acte, before þ sayd firste day of Maye, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god . M . D . XXXVI any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

**P**rouided also, that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned, shal not be prejudicial to the kinges highnes for wardships of heires now being within age, nor for liueries, or for oustre le mayns, to be sued by any person or persons now being within age, or of full age, of any lades or tenementes vnto the same heire or heires now all redy descended: any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

**P**rouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler recognisances here tofore knowleged taken or made to the kinges vse, for or concerninge any recoveries of any landes tenementes or hereditametes here tofore vled or had by writte or writtes of entre vpon disseison in le poss, shall from hensforth be utterly voyde and of none effecte to all intentes constructions and purposes.

**P**rouyded also that this acte, nor any thinge therein conteyned be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtful to any person or persons, bozne in wales or the marches of the same, whiche shall haue any estate to them executed by auctoritie of this acte in any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes within this realme, wherof any other persone or persones now stande or be sealed to the vse of any suche persone or persones bozne in wales, or the marches of the same: but that the same personne or persons bozne in wales or the marches of the same, shal or may lawfully haue receyue & kepe the same landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, wherof estate shall be soo vnto them executed by the auctoritie of this acte, accordinge to the tenour of the same: any thyng in this acte conteined, or any other acte or prouision here

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**C**An acte concernynge clerkes of the sygnet and pry-  
uie seale. Ca. xi.



Here as the kynges clerkes of his gracious sygnette and pry-  
uie Seale, groupnge theyꝛ daylye attendaunces for the  
passynge and wytyng of his maiesties great and weigh-  
tie affayres, and the causes of this his realme, haue for  
theyꝛ entertaynementes and theyꝛ clerkes, no fees noꝛ wa-  
ges certayne for those offyces, other than suche fees as co-  
meth and groweth of the sayd signet and priuie seale: To the intente that  
from hence forth they shulde not by any maner of means be defeated of any  
parte oꝛ portion of the same their fees, Be it therfore ordeyned establisshed &  
enacted by the consent and assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and  
the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the  
same, that all and euery gyfte, graunte, and other wytyng, whiche shall be  
made oꝛ gyuen in wytyng by the kynges highnes, oꝛ any his most noble po-  
steritie, to any person oꝛ persons, sygned with his graces signe, oꝛ the signe  
oꝛ signes manuel of any of them, to be passed vnder any his graces gret sea-  
les of England, Ireland, Duchie of Lancastre, oꝛ of any his hyghnes coun-  
ties palantines oꝛ principalites of wales, oꝛ by other proces out of the esche-  
quiar, after the .xv. day of Apryll, in the .xxvii. yere of his moste noble reigne.  
And that all and euery gyftes grauntes and other wytynges, of what name  
oꝛ names, qualitie oꝛ qualites so euer the same be, oꝛ hereafter shall be na-  
med demed oꝛ called, whiche the master of the kynges wardes, oꝛ generall  
suruepours of the kynges landes for the tyme beinge, oꝛ any other offyces  
oꝛ officers, that now be oꝛ hereafter shall be made, shall by vertue of anye  
acte of parlyamente, oꝛ any the kynges grauntes to theym oꝛ any of theym  
made, oꝛ hereafter to be made in that behalfe, gyue graunte oꝛ make after  
the forsayd .xv. day of Apryll, to any person oꝛ persons in the kynges name to  
be passed vnder any his maiesties seales, be in any wise first & befoze ꝑ same  
graunt oꝛ any of them be passed vnder any the kynges sayde seales, oꝛ other  
processe made of the same, brought and deliuered to the kynges principall  
secretarie, oꝛ to one of the kynges clerkes of his graces sygnet for the tyme  
beinge, to be at the sayd office of the signet passed accordyngly.

**A**nd be it also ordeined & enacted by thaurtozitie aforesaid, that one of the  
clerkes of the said signet, to whome any the sayd wytynges, signed with the  
kynges moste gracious hande, oꝛ the hande of any other aforesaid, oꝛ any of  
them, fortune to be deliuered, may and shall by warrante of the same bylles  
and euery of them, within the space of .viii. dayes next after he shal haue re-  
ceyued the same, onles he haue knowlege by the sayde Secretarie, oꝛ other-  
wise of the kynges pleasure to the contrary, make oꝛ cause to be made in the  
kynges name letters of warrantye subscribed with the hande of the same  
clerke



clerke, and sealed with the kynges signet to the lord keeper of the kynges pryue seale for further proces to be had in that behalfe. And that one of the kynges clerkes of the sayde pryue seale, vpon due examination had by the saide lord keeper of the sayde pryue seale, of the sayde warrantie to hym adressed from the office of the sayde signet as afoze, make and shall within the space of.iiii.d.ayes next after he shall haue receyued the same, oneles the lord keeper of the pryue seale do giue them commaundement to the contrary, make or cause to be made by warrante of the fozsayd warrant to the sayd lord keeper of the pryue seale, adressed from the office of the signet afozesayd, other letters of lyke warrantie, subscribed with the name of the same clerke of the pryue seale to the lord chauncellour of Englande, lord keeper of the great seale, chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, chauncellour of the kynges lande of Irelande, Tresourer and chamberlaynes of the eschequer, and chamberlaynes of any his countie palatynes or principalltie of Wales, or other officer, and to euery of them, for the wytyng and ensealyng with suche seales as remayne in their custody, of letters patente or closed, or other processe makynge, dewe and requisite to be had or made vpon any the sayd grauntes, accorpyng to the tenour of the warrante to them or any of them directed from the office of the pryue seale as is befoze specified.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie afozesayde, that no maner clerke or clerkes or other persone or persons, do write or make any maner wytyng warrante or warrauntes vpon any maner gyfte or graunte, made by the kynges hyghnesse, or by any other his graces officers, as afoze sayd, or procure the same or any of the same to be passed vnder any the seales afozesayd, after any other sorte maner or facyon, or by any other warrante or warrauntes, than as befoze is specified and declared, vpon payne to fozsayte for euery bylle, warraunte, or wytyng, passed contrary to the order befoze bymitted and prescribed, the somme of. x. pounde sterlyng: The one halfe thereof to be to our soueraygne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to hym that shall fynde sewe for the same by action of dette, wytte, bylle, playnte, or information in any of the kynges Courtis: in whiche action or suite no esloyn, protection, pryuilege, nor wager of lawe shal be admytted, any maner acte, statute, prouysyon, proclamation, or other ordynaunce here to foz hadde or made contrary to this present acte, or any article of the same, in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ And neuer the lesse be it also enacted, that euery of the sayd clerkes or other person, whiche shall passe in wytyng, or procure to be passed in wytyng, any graunt or grauntes by immediate warrante, wherfoze fees be payde at the greatte Seale, shall of the partyes receyue for the offices of the sayde signet and pryue seale, as well suche fees as in this act is taxed for wytyng of any suche graunte or other wytynges, as also the fees for the seale of the same: whiche fees and euery part and portyon thereof, the same clerke or clerkes, by whome any graunt shall passe in wytyng by immediate warrante, shall vpon a byll of the hande of one of the sayde clerkes of the sayde signet

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oꝛ priuie seale, deliuer vnto one of the same clerkes of the signeste oꝛ priuie seale, within the space of thye monethes, nexte and immediatly ensuinge after the passinge and sealinge of any the said graunt oꝛ grauntes by immediate waraunt, vppon payne of .x.li. sterlyng, to be by euery suche of the sayd clerkes oꝛ other persone, as shal offend, forsaith, to be leued in forme aforesayde, as often as he oꝛ they shal offende contrarie to the meanynge of this acte.

**¶** Provided also, that this acte, oꝛ any thing conteyned in the same, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the loꝛde Treasorer of Englande foꝛ the tyme beinge, concerning such warrantes oꝛ pꝛeceptes, as he by vertue of his office shal and may directe immediatly to the loꝛde Chauncellour of Englande, oꝛ to any other persone, foꝛ makinge out of the kynges grauntes oꝛ letters patentes, to any person oꝛ persones of any offices fermes of landes oꝛ tenementes, oꝛ of any other thinge belonginge to his nomination and disposition: but that as well he may directe his sayde warauntes oꝛ pꝛeceptes foꝛ the causes aboue said, as also his clerke oꝛ clerkes, oꝛ other person may procure the same to be sealed vnder any of the seales afoꝛe sayde, without any warraunt to be befoꝛe oꝛ after sewed oꝛ opteyned vnder the kynges signet oꝛ priuie seale foꝛ the same, in as large and ample maner, and after suche soꝛte and facion, as he oꝛ they myght haue done at any tyme befoꝛe the makinge of this acte: any thinge in the same acte mencioned to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

**¶** Provided also, that al and euery lease and leas of the kynges manours landes tenementes possessions oꝛ other profittes oꝛ hereditamentes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, oꝛ of the duchie of Lancaster, out of the sayde countie palantine, whiche the Chauncellour of the duchie of Lancaster foꝛ the tyme beinge, oꝛ the Chauncellour of the sayde countie palantine foꝛ the tyme beinge, oꝛ eyther of them, shal hereafter make oꝛ graunt in the name of the kyng our soueraygne loꝛd, his heires oꝛ successours to any maner person oꝛ persons, shal and may passe and be passed vnder the seales of the sayde duchie of Lancaster, oꝛ of the sayde countie palantyne of Lancaster oꝛ of eyther of them in maner and fourme as heretofore hath benne bled and accustomed: any thinge in this presente acte, befoꝛe made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

**¶** Provided also, that al & euery gift graūt and patēt of any maner office oꝛ offices, oꝛ any other thinge beinge, oꝛ which hereafter shal be in the countie palantine of Lancaster, oꝛ of the sayd duchie of Lancaster, out of the said countie palantine, the yerely wages oꝛ fees wherof amounteth not ouer and aboue the value of. ii. pence by the day, shal and may passe and be passed by the said chauncellour of the duchie of Lancaster, oꝛ by the said chancelloꝛ of the sayd countie palatine, oꝛ of eyther of them foꝛ the tyme beinge, in maner and fourme as heretofore hath benne bled and accustomed: any article oꝛ thinge in this present acte befoꝛe made to the contrary notwithstandinge.

**¶** AND to thintent that as well suche as now be oꝛ hereafter shal be ministers

clerkes and clarkes of the kinges signet and priue seale, shulde haue and take honest and sufficient salarie and rewarde for the wytinge of the sayde warrauntes to be by them made as aforesayd, as also the kinges moste lowynge saythefull and obedient subjectes, shoulde paye the certayne charges to be by them layd out for the wytinge of the sayde warrauntes, shuld not by any manner exaction or other sinister meanes be contempned by any the sayde clerkes to pay more laige and extessive fees for the wytinge of the same, than reason and conscience shal require. Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and euery clark and clarkes of the sayd signet and priue seale shal haue and take for his or their wytinge of a warrant vpon a writte for tales hysse warde, s. i. d. for the wytinge of a warrant for the gosse of eueri office x. d. for the wytinge of a warrant for a penslon annuities or wages. x. s. d. for the wytinge of a warrant for a speciall lyuerey, by other perpetuities. vi. s. iiii. d. for the wytinge of a warrant vpon euery hulle for a congie destite, royall assent restitution of temporalities, donations, aduocations, presentations, or other ecclesiastical matier. iii. s. iiii. d. for the wytinge of eueri warrant vpon a placarde lycence pacion or hysse rewarde. s. i. d. for the wytinge of eueri warrant vpon a denysen. iiii. s. iiii. d. for the wytinge of a warrant for keepinge of an indigite. x. d. for the wytinge of a warrant for keepinge of a warde. iii. s. iiii. d. And that no manner of clerke or clerkes of the signet or priue seale aforesayd shal take for the wytinge of any manner warraunt about specified, more laige and amptious fees, than before is prescribed and appoynted, vpon peyne of. x. l. sterlinge to be by him forfeyted; that shal offende contrary to the trewe tenour and meanyng of the sayde acte: the one halfe therof to be to the kynge our soverain lord, the other half to him that shal first sue for the same by bill action plaint or information in any of the kinges courtes: In which action or suit no essore protection nor wages of lawe shall be admitted.

¶ Provided also, that the lord Chancellor of England for the tyme beinge, shal and may at all tymes vse his discretion in passinge and spedinge any thing by the great seale, and deliuering the same, without paying any fees for the great seale signette and priue seale, as the case of necessitie shal require, and as hath ben accustomed. And that the clarkes for wytinge or procuring such wytinges and patentes by his comandment, shalbe discharged of all penalties expressed before in this acte, for not receyvinge and payinge fees to the signet and priue seale, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this present acte and euery parte and patrell therof, shal extend to the court of thaugmentacion of the reuenues of the kinges coronone, and bynde euery officer & officers, theyr clerkes, & minister, & now be and hereafter shalbe of the same court, to the obseruacion therof and of euery part therof, for & concerning the sealing & wytinge of any manner patent lease or other graunt, which by on the kinges byl signed shal passe the gret seale of the same court any spect-

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at wordes conteyned in the act made in this present session for the stablishment of the officers of the sayde court of thaugmentation; or any other acte or p[ro]vision made to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstanding.

**PROVIDED** neuer the lesse; that this acte or any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wyse prejudiciall to any maner person or persones, whom the kynges highnes shal by expresse comandement direct send or appoynt to procure any thyng or thynges to be sealed with any his maiesties seales, for or concerning his maiesties private affaires, or the affaires of his highnes realme: but that as well the same person or persons, being appoynted by the kynges highnes as aforesaid, as also such officer and officers, as shal haue the keeping of any the kynges seales, they ministers and clerkes shal and maye seale wyte and deliuer, and procure the sealyng wytyng and deliueringe of any suche thyng or thynges, concerninge the kynges highnes affaires, as afoze saide, withoute beinge bounde to procure any maner warraunte, or payinge any maner fees at or to the signet or priuey seale for the same: so that the name or names of euery suche person or persones as shal procure the sealyng of any such thing or thynges on the kynges behalfe, as afoze saide, be entred in the clerke of the Chanaperys booke, after this fozte, per A. ad mandatum domini regis: any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**PROVIDED** also; that this acte nor any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wyse prejudiciall to any maner person or persones, whiche hereafter shal haue by the kynges highnes, or by any his maiesties officers, the grant or lease of any maner ferme or fermes to be sealed with any his highnes seales, the yerely rente whereof amounteth not aboue the somme of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. sterling: but that as well euery suche person and persones, as officer and officers, haupnge the custody of such seale or seales, they ministers and clerkes, may wyte seale and deliuer, or procure the wytyng sealyng and deliueringe of any suche lease or leases, as aforesaid, without payeing therfoze any maner fees at or to the signe or priuey seale for the same: any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**An acte for true makynge of wollen clothes. cap. xii.**



**W**hereas as moch as great infamy and slander hath risen of late yeres in sondry outwarde parties beyonde the see, of the vnttrue makynge of wollen clothes within this realme, to the great derogation of the common weale of the same, & to the no lyttell hynderaunce of the sale of the sayd comoditie. For remedy wherof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirytuall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that after the feaste of saynte Michell tharchaungell nexte commynge, all and euery clothier within this realme, shall weaue or cause to be wouen his or theyr

their seuerall token or marke in all and euery clothe, kerser, and other clothes what so euer they be, made and brought to be vittered and solde. And whan any suche clothe shall be redy made and byelld to be put to sale, euery of the same clothiers shall sette his scale of leade vnto euery of the same his or their clothes and kersers, in whiche scale of leade shall be conteyned the true and iuste length of euery of the same clothes or kersers, as it shall be duely founde by euery byes of the same, vpon due pfooe therof to be tried by the water. And in case vpon any suche pfooe to be made by any byes of them at the water, there shall be founde lesse or smaller content in length than is co-  
teyned and specified in euery of their sayd scales: than euery of the said clothiers makinge suche defaulter, shall lese and forsaye vnto euery suche buyer of the same, the double value of so moche clothe as shall wante and lacke of his sayde content in lengthe, at the only syght and iugement of any two indifferēt persons, that shall measure the same clothes and kersers. And euery clothier sendinge or putting any of their clothes to seale, befoze suche tyme as all and euery of the same clothes shall be sealed by a wmaget of the same countie, where it shall chance any of the sayd clothes so to be made: and also to be ordered and sealed by euery of the said clothiers in foyme afoze said, shall lese and forsaye his clothe or clothes what so euer they be, the one half therof shall be to the bynges highnes, his heires and successours, and the other halfe to him or them that wolle sue for the same by bylle, playnt, action of dette, or other wyse: in whiche action no wager of law, essoen, or protection shall be allowed.

**¶** And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that after the sayd feast of saynt Michell tharangeell, every bode clothe shall contayne in breaðe seven quarters of a yarðe within the listis at the leaste, and to hold the same content alwaies if it be pꝛoued at the water: The acte made in the firste yere of the reigne of our said fourayne lord, that every bode clothe shulde contayne two yarðes in breaðe within the listis, or any other thinge therein concerned, touching the keepinge of the same breaðe of two yarðes, in any wise not withstanding. And every kerser shall contelne in breaðe one yarðe within the listis at the leest, if it be pꝛoued in the water: vpon paine to forsaite for euery suche bode clothe. iiii. s. liii. d. and for euery such kerser. xx. d. To be recoũtered to the vse of the kinges highnes, and of any other that wol sue for the same in maner and fourme before declared.

**W**herfore alwaies, that this present acte extende not to any clothes, called fet clothes, of all sortes made in the countrey of Suff. not exceeding the price of xlii.s viii.d. the clothe, nor to any clothes called Tawestockes, westerne doleynes, frysles, kembals, cottons, and all maner of course clothes, made for lynynges.

And be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the aungier of any countie shall not seale any of the sayde clothes with the kynges seale, vntill suche time as they and euery of them shall be firste ordered and sealed with theyr contentes, accordinge to the trewe meynynge of this p[re]sent acte, in  
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fourme aforesayde, vpon peyne of defynge of his office. And that no byet of any of the sayde clothes, or kerseys, marked and sealed in fourme aforesayde, presume by any maner of sleight, meanes or ingines, to drawe, pull, or to stretch out any of the same clothes or kerseys, otherwisse than to make them euen after they be wette, and to agree with the contentes specified and conteyned in the seale of euery of the same clothes and kerseys, as nere as they canne, vpon peyne to forsaite the double value of euery clothe or kersey, so mysled contrary to the true intent and meanyng of this present act. To be leued to the vse of the kynges highnes, and of any other that will sue for the same, in lyke maner and fourme as is before declared.

**P**rovided also, that al clothe here after made to be sold within the citie of Worcester, the townes of Worcester, Evesham, Redditch, and Bromesgrove, in the countie of Worcester, shall be sealed with the seale of the serchers there, accordyng to an acte of parlamente in that behalfe provided and made, the xvi. yere of the reygne of our sayde souerayne lord, and that the owners of the clothes made within the sayde citie and townes, shall not be compelled by this act, to put their owne seales to any clothes there made, or here after to be made.

**I**n acte that whyte wollen clothes of .iiii. li. and vnder, and colored clothes of .iii. li. and vnder, maye be from henceforth carped ouer the see. Cap. xiii.



**W**hereas by acte of parlamente, holden in the fyfte yere of the reygne of our souerayne lord the kyng that now is, it was ordeyned and enacted, that no wollen clothe aboue the pryce of fyue markes, shulde be conueyed ouer the see byrolled, unbarbed, and unshorne, vpon certayne penalties in the same acte expessed more at large. And by the acte beinge put in execution, shall not onely redounde and tourne to the abatementes of the kynges customes, but also grow to the better vndoing of his graces subiectes, cloth makers and marchantes, conueyers of the sayd clothes: by reason that wolle is risen to a farre greater pryce, than it was at the makinge of the foresayd acte. For where a clothe was then commonly solde at fyue markes, it is now solde for foure poundes. And also by force of the sayde acte, the marchantes shuld be bound to dresse euery white cloth aboue the value of fyue markes, on this syde the see, after that they haue bought them: whiche white clothes so dressed, whan they be brought in to the parties beyonde the see, and there by byers of them dyed & put in colours, than they muste be newely dressed, barbed, shorne, and rowed: and soo they shal be therby the lesse in substance, of them selves, and the worse to the sale and solde for lesse pryce by tenne, or twelue shillinges a pece beyonde the see, then they shulde be vndressed. Wherefore be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons



mons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that every white wollen cloth sold for foure poundes and vnder: & every coloured cloth sold for thre poundes and vnder, maye be caried and conueyed into the parties of beyonde the see, there to be sold at the pleasure of the buyers of the sayde cloth or clothes vnbarbed vnshorne and vnrowed: any acte or actes to the contrary made not withstandinge.

¶ And ouer this be it ordeyned and enacted, by the sayde auctoritie, that if any person or personnes sende or conuey, or cause to be sente and conueyed into the parties beyonde the see, any whyte wollen cloth aboue the value of foure poundes, or any coloured cloth aboue the price of thre poundes vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, in other fourme than is afore sayde: that then the person or persons so offending, shall forsayte the value of the sayde clothes, so caried and conueyed into the parties beyond the see: The one moortie of the same forsayture to be to the vse of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge, and the other moortie to every person whiche woll or shall sue by bill writte, information, or other wise agaynst any person for the same. And that the defendand in any plee, vpon any suche action be not admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne for any suche defendaunt be allowed in the same.

¶ An acte concernynge the custome of lether. Cap. xliiii.



Where greate quantitie and moche haboundaunce of lether is dayly conueyed out of this realme, as wel by estrangerges as also by tanners and other the kynges subiectes, inhabited in diuers parties of this realme to wardes the see costes, and in especially out of wales, Cheshyre, and Cornewal, where lytel or no custome is paid for the same, which lether is commonly packed by the saide estrangerges tanners and other the kynges subiectes in theyr houses, and so conueyed vnto the portes and hauens, where they entende to shipp the same: whiche packes so conueyed and broughe to such portes and hauens to be shippyed, be neuer there vnpacked, to be biewed what nombze of lether is conteyned in any suche packe, but entered in the customers bookes by and vpon the information and repozte of the said estrangerges tanner or other personne transporter of the same lether. And al be it that the kynges hyghnes in suche places and portes hath very lytell custome payde for the same, yet for as moche as in suche places there is no better serche nor biewe hadde for the perfecte knowlege of the nombze and quantite of the lether, soo by them packed, the kynges grace is moche deceyued of suche his customes as owghte therfore to accrue to his hyghnes. For where in the pozte of London two personnes be named and appoynted by the wayer of the wolles within the same pozte for the tyme beinge, to tel and nombze all suche lether by the hyde, accomptynge ten hydres to the dyker, and also all woll felles, as within the same pozte shall be shippyed frome tyme to tyme, - which

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which two persons be swozne before the customers of his gteat custome, truly and duely to do and execute their offices, in tellynge and numberinge all suche lether and woll felles in the pzeſente of the sayd customers, and of the comptroller of the same custome or of their deputies, who being pzeſent and viewe the same, do make entree therof in their boke. And after such tale made and entre taken, an other person by the maire of London for the tyme beinge constituted and appoynted, is also swozne, trewly to packe the same lether so told and entred in to the customers boke, euery of the same teller & packers takyng suche fees for theyr labours, as of olde tyme haue ben vsed lymitted and accustomed, euery stranger payeng for custome of euery Deker iiii. s. ix. d. and euery denizen. iiii. s. i. d. whiche lyke custome is also payed in the port of Hampton, but not in many other portes of this realme, & specially in wales, Cheshyre, and Cornewale, out of the whiche parties, by reason of such smal customes, moze lether is conueyed ouer the see, than out of other places of this realme, whiche is an occasion of the derth and greates prices of the same lether. For the redresse wherof, and to thentente that one maner of custome for euery suche Deker of lether so conueyed ouer the see, as wel by denizens as estrangers, shalbe payde thowout this realme, wales, and other the kynges dominions: and also that the kynges highnes maye be the better assured of his customes to be payed for all such lether as shalbe here after caried and conueyed ouer the see: Be it enacted by thautozitie of this pzeſent parliament, that from henceforth the no maner of estranger nor denizen shal packe or cause to be packed any maner of lether, to be conueyed or shipped ouer the see out of this realme wales or other the kynges dominions, other wyse than in this acte is expresse, that is to saye, that all suche lether shal be hereafter packed by a packer swozne in euery such port, where any lether shalbe shipped to be coueied out of this realme wales or other the kynges dominions, vpon payne of forfaiture of al suche lether as hereafter shalbe packed contrary to the purpoze of this acte, or of the value therof. And also that from henceforth euery stranger and denizen, which shal ship sende or conuey any lether ouer the see, out or from any parte of this realme wales Cheshyre or other the kynges dominions, shal paye like custome for the same, as is vsed to be payd within the porte of London, that is to saye, euery stranger to pay for euery dyker of lether for custome. iiii. s. ix. d. And euery denizen. iiii. s. i. d.

And be it also enacted, that within euery porte hauen and Creke within this Realme wales and other the kynges dominions, where no tellers nor packers at this pzeſente tyme be, nor before the makynge of this acte haue bene, that from henceforth the customers and controllers of euery such port hauen and creke, where suche lether shal be shipped to be conueyed in to the parties beyonde the see, shal haue power by auctozitye of this acte, to name constitute and apoynte one able person, to tell and number all suche lether as shal be at any tyme there shipped, whiche persone so named, shal be swozne by the customer and Comptroller of euery suche porte, hauen, and  
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Creke, trewely and duely to execute his office in the presence of the customer and controller of every suche pozte creke oꝝ haven, where any suche lether shall be shipped, oꝝ of his oꝝ their deputie oꝝ deputies, the same toller takynge of every stranger for the tellng of every diker of lether sixe pence: wherof the same teller to have for his labour two pence, and foure pence to be to the comminaltie of the same towne and pozte, towarde the paiement of their fee ferme and other their charges: And of every denysen, not being a free man of the sayde pozte and haven, for every diker, foure pence, wherof the teller to have two pence, and other two pence to be the to comminaltie of the same pozte oꝝ haven, for thentent aboue declared: And of every dyker by any persone beinge a fre man of suche pozte and haven, but onely two pence for his labour. And that immediatly after suche tale hadde, and entre therof made by the customer oꝝ his deputie, an other able persone named deputed and assigned by the sayd customers and controllers of every suche pozte & haven, and befoze them swozne, trewely and dewly to do and execute his offyce, shall packe all suche lether, so tolde and entred, every packe to containe as many diker vnder the nombꝛe of seven diker, as it shall please the marchant oꝝ owner therof to appoynte, takinge for his labour for the packynge of every packe foure pence.

¶ And be it further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that if any packer take vpon him to packe any lether befoze it be tolde oꝝ numbꝛed, and entre therof made by the customer oꝝ his deputie, oꝝ at any tyme packe moze lether than shall be tolde and entred, accoꝛdinge to the purpozte of this acte: that then the same packer to forsayte and lose for every tyme doynge the contrary. v. li. and to suffre therfoze imprisonment at the kynges pleasure. And also that if the teller within any such pozte oꝝ haven, at any tyme hereafter, take vpon him to tel oꝝ nombꝛe any lether in the absense of the customer comptroller, oꝝ of his oꝝ their deputie oꝝ deputies, than the same teller for every tyme so doynge to lose and forsayte fiue markes.

¶ And for as moche as dyuers estrangẽs cary and conuey theyꝝ lether fro one pozte to an other, and by the way cause the same lether to be packed, whiche packes so couẽied be nat vndone noꝝ opened at their actiuall within the poztes, wher vnto they be so transpoꝛted: but there only entred by and vpon the repoꝛte & infoꝛmation of the marchant estrangẽr, oꝝ of his factour, wher by moche custome is cancelled: Be it therfoze also enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that if any estrangẽr, oꝝ other his factour, at any tyme hereafter, do conuey & carie any lether, from one pozte to an other, to the intent to ship the same in suche other pozte, wher vnto it shall be soo conueyed, the same estrangẽr oꝝ other his factour for him, befoze suche transpoꝛtyng of the same lether, shall cause the sayde lether, firste to be tolde within the same pozte, from whence he woll oꝝ intendeth to carie the same: and the same soo tolde cause to be entred by the customer of the same pozte, oꝝ his deputie: and cause to be also packed by the sayde packer of the sayde pozte, where it shall be so tolde, takinge of the customer oꝝ customers of the same pozte

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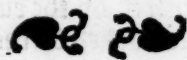
oꝝ haue[n], oꝝ theyꝝ deputie oꝝ deputies a certificate, expꝛessynge the nombꝛe oꝝ quantitie of diuers of all the same lether, so to be caried and transported, directed to the customer of the other poꝛt oꝝ haue[n], wherevnto the same lether shal be so conueied, makynge mention also in the same certificat, whether the custome therof accoꝛdyngely be trewely payed oꝝ not, And in case any suche lether be caried oꝝ conueied frome one poꝛt to an other, ther to be shippyd, without haupnge of suche certificate: that then the same lether, oꝝ the value therof to be foꝛfayted.

**¶** And be it further enacted, that no tanner within this realme, wales, oꝝ other the kynges dominions, oꝝ other persons occuppynge oꝝ haupng a tanne house, shal from hencefoꝛthe sende oꝝ cause to be conueied ouer the see, by way of marchandise oꝝ otherwise, any maner of lether tanned oꝝ vntanned, vpon payne of foꝛfayture of all suche lether, oꝝ the value therof. Also that any person oꝝ persones at any tyme hereafter: shal cary oꝝ conuey ouer the see out of this realme, wales, oꝝ other the kynges dominions, any salte oꝝ vntanned hydes, oꝝ any lether called backes oꝝ sole lether, the kynges speciall lycence not opteyned foꝛ the same, vpon payne of foꝛfayture of all suche hydes and lether called backes oꝝ sole lether, oꝝ the value therof: The one halfe of all the sayde foꝛfaytures to be to the kynges highnes and the other halfe to any of his subiectes, that will pursue for the same in any his courtes by action dette, byl, playnte, information, oꝝ otherwyse, in whiche suite none esloen protection wayer of lawe oꝝ other dilatorie ple foꝛ the defendant shal be admitted oꝝ allowed.

**¶** Provided alwayes, that this acte oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned, shal not be hurtful, noꝝ prejudicial to any captaine of any shippe in the tyme of warre, beinge in the retinue and seruice of the kynges highnes: Also to any owner oꝝ maister of any shippe beinge the kynges subiecte, goynge in to Fleslande, Flanders, Fowey, oꝝ Southwarde beyonde the estraits: but that euery suche captayne and maister of euery suche shippe, durynge the warre tyme, and euery maister to suche shippes, passynge into the places before named, may and shal at theyꝝ pleasure haue and carie salte hydes in their shippes, so that euery of them shal not haue at suche viage, oꝝ during the warre, at any one tyme aboue the nombꝛe of eyght salte hydes, This acte oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided alwayes, that hydes vntanned of any beastes, beyng kyllid within wales oꝝ the marches therof may be conueied and caried in to outwarde parties by any person oꝝ persons from tyme to tyme, except only by tanners, and suche as haue tanne houses, in suche and lyke maner as they myght haue benne before the makynge of this acte, any thyng in the same mentioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

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**I**n an acte wherby the kynges maiestie shall haue power to nominate. xxii. persons of his clergie and laie see for maintenance of ecclesiasticall lawes. Cap. xv.

**W**hen the begynnyng of this present parliament there is an act ordeyned and establisshed accordynge to the purposse and effecte as hereafter foloweth; that is to say, where the kynges humble and obedient subiectes, the clergie of this realme of England, haue not onely knowleged accordynge to the truthe, that the conuocations of the same clergie is, alwayes hath ben and ought to be assembled onely by the kynges writte, but also submyttinge them selves to the kynges maiestie, hath promysed in verbo sacro, that they wyl neuer from henceforth presume to attempt allege claime or put in bre, or enact promulge or execute any new canons constitutions or diuinautes prouincial or other, or by what so euer other name they shall be called in the conuocation, onelesse the kynges most royal assent and lycence may to them be had to make promulge and execute the same, and that his maiestie do gyue his moste royal assent and auctorite in that behalfe: and where diuers constitutions or diuinautes and canons prouinciall or synodall, whiche heretofore haue ben enacted, and be thought not onely to be moche p̄iudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royal, and repugnate to the lawes & statutes of this realme, but also ouer moch onerous to his hyghnes & his subiectes, the sayd clergie hath most humbly besought the kynges highnes, that the saide constitutions and canons may be comitted to the examination, and iudgment of his hyghnes and of. xxii. persons of the kynges subiectes, wherof. xvi. to be of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament of the tempozalitie, and other. xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme, and all the sayde. xxii. persons to be chosen and appoynted by the kynges maiestie, and that suche of the sayde constitutions and canons as shall be thought and determyned by the sayd. xxii. persons, or the moze part of them, woorthy to be abrogated and adnulled, shal be abolyte and made of no value accordynge: And suche other of the same constitutions and canons, as by the said. xxii. or the moze part of them, shal be approued to stand with the lawes of god, and consonant to the lawes of this realme, shal stand in theyr full strengthe and power, the kynges moste royal assente fyrst had and opteyned to the same: Be it therfore now enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, accordynge to the sayde submission and petition of the sayde clergie, that they ne any of them from henceforth shall presume to attempt allege claime or put in bre any constitutions or diuinautes prouinciall or synodall, nor any other canons: Nor shall enacte promulge or execute any suche canons constitutions or diuinautes prouincial, by what so euer name or names they maye be called in their conuocations in tyme coming, which shalbe alway assembled by auctorite of the kynges writ, onlesse the same clergie may haue the kynges most royal assente and licence to make promulge & execute such canons constitutions & diuinautes prouincial or synodals,

balles, hypon payne of euerye one of the sayde clergye, doynge contrarie to this act, and beynge therof conuicted, to suffer imprisonmente and make fyne at the kynges wyl.

¶ And for as moche as such canons constitutions and ordinaunces, as here before hath beene made by the clergye of this realme, canne not now be viewed examyned and determyned by the kynges highnes and. xxxii. persons to be chosen and appoynted accordynge to the petition of the said clergye in forme aboue rehearsed: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the kynges highnes shall haue power and auctorite, to nominate and assigne at his pleasure the sayde. xxxii. persones of his subiectes, wherof. xvi. to be of the clergye, and. xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the upper and nether house of the parliament, And if any of the sayd. xxxii. persons so chosen, shal happen to dye before their full determination, than his highnes to nominate other from tyme to tyme of the sayde. ii. houses of parliament, to supply the nom- bze of the sayd. xxxii. And that the same. xxxii. by his highnes so to be named, shal haue power and auctorite to viewe serch and examine the said canons constitutions & ordinaunces prouincial and synodal heretofore made, and such of them as the kynges highnes and the sayd. xxxii. or the more parte of them shal deme and adiudge worthy to be continued kept and obeyed, shalbe from thenseforth kepte obeyed and executed within this realme, so that the kynges most royal assent vnder the greate seale be firste had to the same. And the residue of the sayde canons constitutions and ordinaunces prouincial, whiche the kynges highnes & the sayd. xxxii. persons, or the more parte of them shal not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite abrogate & made frustrate, shal from thenseforth be voide and of none effect, and neuer be put in execution within this realme.

¶ Provided alway, that no canons constitutions or ordinaunce shalbe made and put in execution within this realme, by auctorite of the conuocation of the clergye, whiche shalbe contrariant or repugnant to the kynges prerogative royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: any thyng con- teyned in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided also, that such canons constitutions ordinaunces and synodals prouincial beynge all vedy made, which be not contrariant nor repugnant to the lawes statutes and customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kynges prerogative royall, shalbe nowe styl bled and executed as they were before the makynge of this acte, tyll suche tyme as they be viewed ser- ched or otherwyle ordered and determyned by the sayd. xxxii. persones or the more part of them, accordyng to the tenour forme & effect of this present acte: as by the saide acte amonges other thynges more at large is expessed.

¶ And for as moche as the kynges highnes hath not named and assigned the said. xxxii. persons sithen the makinge of the said acte: be it therfore enac- ted by auctorite of this parliament, that the kynges maiestie shal haue ful power and auctorite, as well afore as after the dissolution of this presente parliament



parliament at his libertie and pleasure to name and assigne .xvi. persons of the clergy, & .xvi. lay persons of the tempozalte. And if after such nominatiō any of the said persons happen to deceasse, that then the kinges highnes shall have power and auctorite to nominate and assigne from time to time, other in their places, to supply the number of the said .xxii. And that þe said .xxii. persons so to be nominated by his maiestie, at all tymes from henceforth for the terme of thre yeres next after the dissolution of this parliament, shall have power and auctoritie to assemble them selves together from time to time by the kynges commaundement, for the dewe and perfeight execution of the said act, according to the ententes and true menyng of the same, any thing in the said acte to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

And acte concernynge enrolmentes of bargaynes and contractes of landes and tenementes. cap. xvi.



It enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that from the laste date of Julii, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M.D. XXXVI. no manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes shall passe alier or change from one to a nother, wherby any estate of enheritaunce or free hold shall be made or take effecte in any person or persones, or any vse therof to be made by reason onely of any bargayne and sale therof, excepte the same bargain and sale be made by wyting indented sealed and inrolled in one of the kinges courtes of recozd at westmynster, or els within the same countie or counties, where the same manours landes or tenementes so bargayned & sold lie or be, befoze the custos Rotulorum and .ii. iustices of þe peace and the clerke of the peace, of the same countie or counties, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the clerke of the peace to be one: and the same enrolment to be had and made within six monethes next after the date of the same wytinges indented, the same custos Rotulorum or iustices of the peace & clerke takynge for the enrolment of euery such wyting indented befoze them, where the lande comprised in the same wytinge excede not the yerely value of .xl. s. two shyllinges, that is to say .xii. d. to the iustices, and .xii. to the clerke: And for the enrollemente of euery suche wytinge ended befoze them, wherein the land comprised excede the some of .xl. s. in yerely valu. v. s. that is to say ii. s. vi. d. to the said iustices, and .ii. s. vi. d. to the said clerk for the entolling of the same. And that the clerke of the peace for the time beinge within euery such countie, shall sufficiently enrol and engrosse in parchment the same dedes or wytinges indented, as is afoze sayd, and the tolles therof at the end of euery yere shall deliuer vnto the sayde custos Rotulorum of the same countie for the tyme beinge, there to remayne in the custody of the sayde custos Rotulorum for the tyme beinge amongest other recordes of euery of the same counties, where any suche enrollmentes shall be so made, to the intent that euery partie that hath to do therewith maye resorte and se the effecte & tenour of

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of every suche wytyngge so enrolled. **W**herbynt alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any maner lordes tenementes or hereditamentes, lyenge or being within any cite borough or town corporate within this realme, wherin the mayres, recorders, chāberlains, bailiffes, or other officers or officers haue auctoritie or haue lawfully vled to euroll any enydenes dedes or other wytynges within their p̄erinct or limittes, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

**I**n acte concernynge suche as ben put in trust by theyr maysters, and after do robbe them. Cap. x. vii.

**W**here befoze this time diuers & many euil disposed p̄sones haue often & many times taken and stolen fro their maisters & maystresses diuers Jewels, plate, money, and other goodes and cattalles, to the greate hurte and losses of their sayde maysters and maystresses. And not withstandinge the heinous offence contrary to the trust that the maister or maistresse putteth in the seruantes, & contrary to the faythe that the seruante of duetie shulde beare to his maister or maystresse, yet whan they haue bene arrayned of the sayde felonies, manye of them haue ben admitted to their clergie, and some of them haue bene admitted to take the p̄uilege of sanctuary, as other felons haue benne for offences not so hepnous, to the greatte boldenes of other persones to committe suche lyke offences, Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and establisshed; by the kynge our soueraygne lord with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporell, and the commons in this present p̄lyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that if from hencefozthe any seruante for the time beinge in seruyce of any person or persons happen to steale or felonously take awaye any Jewelles, money, plate, or other goodes or cattelles of his sayde maister or maystresse, or if hereafter any seruante, to whome any caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or cattelles, shal be deliuered by his sayde maister or maystresse, or by any other to their vse, withdrawe them selfe fro their sayde maysters or maystresses, and goo awaye with the sayde caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or other catelles, or any parte thereof contrary to the truste and confidence to him or them putte by his or their sayde maister or maistresse, or elles beinge in the seruyce of his sayde maister or maystresse, without the assente or commaundement of his sayde maister or maystresse, he embesell the same caskette, iewelless, money, goodes, or cattelles, or any parte thereof, or other wise conuerthe the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to stele it, if the sayd caskettes iewels plate money goodes or cattelles, that any such person shal take fro his maister or maistresse, be to the value of xl. s. or aboue, or if the sayde caskettes iewels goodes money or cattels, that any suche seruante after deliuey of the same, shal go awaye with: or whiche he shal imbesel with purpose to stele it, as is aforesaid, be of the value of xl. s.

or above, that the every such servant, that so shall stele fro his said master or maistres any such iewelless goodes or catels, or imbesell any casket Jewels money plate or other goodes to hym deliuered, in maner befoze reherced, and be founde gilty therof, or of any parcell of the same, accordyng to the lawe of the lande, or vpon his arraynement befoze any Justice confesse the same, shall from henceforth be put from his clergy, and be put to execution, as if he were no clerke.

And be it further enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that every such person or personnes, that so shall stele the goodes of his sayd master or maistres, or imbesell that that so to hym shall be deliuered, as is aforesayd, if the same goodes be of the value of .xl.s. as is aforesayde, shall lose the priuilege of all saintuaries: Any vse or custome heretofore had or vled to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte for the preservation of the ryuer of Chamise. Cap. xliii.



Where befoze this tyme the ryuer of Chamis among al other ryuers within this realme hath ben accepted and taken, and as it is in deed moste commodious and profitable to all the kynges liege people, and chiefely of all other frequented and vled, as well by the kynges hyghnes his estates and nobles marchauntes and other repairing to the cite of London and other places shires and countie adioynynge to the same, whiche ryuer of Chamys is and hath bene moste mete and conueniente of all other for the sauegarde and orderynge of the kynges shauye. conueance of marchandise, and other necessities to and for the kynges most honorable householde, and otherwile to the great reliefe and comfozte of all personnes within this realme, till nowe of late dyuers euill disposed personnes partly by misordering of the sayde ryuer by casting in of dunge and other fylth layed nyghe the bankes of the sayde ryuer, dygginge and vndermynyng of the bankes and walles nere adioynynge to the same ryuer, carienge and coueinge away of wayshides shozes pyles bozdes tymber worke balest for shippes and other thinges from the saide bankes and walles in sondry places: by reason wherof great shelpes and ryfinges haue of late benne made and growen in the farway of the sayde ryuer, and such groundes as lye within the leuel of the sayde water marke by occasion therof haue benne surrounded and ouerflowen by rage of the sayde water, and many greatte breaches haue ensued and folowed there vpon, and dayly are like to do, and the said ryuer of Chamis to be utterly destroyed for euer, if conuenient and speddy remedy be not sooner prouided in that behalfe.

For reformation wherof be it enacted established and ordeyned by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thautozitie of the same, that if any person or persons, hereafter do or procure any thyng

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to be done in the annoyng of the streem of the sayd ryuer of Chamys, makinge of shelpes by any maner of meanes by mynyng dygging casting of dunge rubbishe or other thing in the same ryuer, or take plucke or conueye away any bourdes stakes pyllets tymber woork or other thing from the said bankes or walles, excepte it be to amende and repayre the same agayne, or digge or vndermyne any bankes or walles vpon the water syde of Chamis aforesayde, to the hurte impayrnyng or damage of any of the sayd walles or bankes: Than the same persone or persones and euery of them shal forfeite and pay for euery tyme so offendinge, one hundred shillinges, the one moietye therof to be to the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the other moietye therof to the mayre and commynaltie of London for the time being, the same to be recouered and opteyned by the mayre and comynaltie of London, by byll playnte writte of dette or information seuerally agens euery offendour in any of the kynges courtes, in which actions and lutes or any of them the partie defendandt shal not be assyned nor wage his lawe, nor any protection to be allowed in the same.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if complaint shal happen to be made to the lord Chauncellour of Englande, lord treasurer, lord president of the kynges counsell, lord priuie seale, or to any of them, by any person or persons or body polityke, that for Thomas Spette knyght, now hauinge the office and ordering of and for ballastynge for shippes, or any other that hereafter shal haue the sayd office and order for ballastynge of shippes, do take any balest for shippes nere to the sayd ryuer of Chamis, or do not take for parcell of the sayde ballastynge the grauell and sande of the shelpes betwene Grenehethe and Rychemonde within the sayde ryuer of Chamis, or in any place or places, that is or shalbe to the damage or annoyauce of the sayd ryuer of Chamis, or any parte therof: that then vpon euery suche complaynt the sayd lord Chauncellour, lord treasurer, lord president of the kynges moste honourable counsaile, lord priuie seale, and euery of them, callinge bothe the chiefe Iustices of eyther benche or one of them, shal haue power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, to here and finally determyne euery suche complaynt by their discretions, and to put such order therin, and for takynge of balest for shippes vpon euery such complaynt, as by their discretions shal seme moste conuenient for the conseruation of the sayde ryuer of Chamis: and the parties offending such order, shal suffre imprisonment, and make no lesse fyne than fyue pounde to the kynges vse, for euery tyme offending or brekyng the same.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted, that it shal be laful to euery person and persons to dygge cary and take away sande grauelle or any other rubbishe erthe or thinge lienge or beinge in or vpon any shelve or shelpes within the sayd ryuer of Chamys, without let or interruption of any person or persones, or payinge any thing for the same, any thing conteyned in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte limittinge an order for sayntuaries and saintu-  
ary persons. Cap. xix.



Here vpon trust of sayntuaries and the licentious liberties that heretofore haue ben and yet dayly ben vsed in the same, dyuers persons haue ben the more bolde to perpetrate and commytte many detestable murders rapes robberies theftes & other myscheuous detestable and abhominable dedes, for that they haue ben alwayes releued ayded and succoured by the sayntuaries; whan so euer and as ofte as they or any of them haue offended in any of the premisses, to the most greuous displeasure of almyghty god, and extreme dettymment and hurte of the kynges subiectes: In auoydynge of such presumptuous boldnes, It is enacted ordeyned and establyshed by the kyng our Soueraygne lord, with the assente of his lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and synguler person or personnes, whiche now be or at any tyme hereafter shalbe priuiledged in any saintuary, within any of the kynges dominions, for murder or felony, from the fyrst day of Maye nexte commynge, shall dayly, whan so euer he or they be without the house or mansion, wherin they haue their lodging, weare a badge or cognisance, by the gouernour of euery saintuarie to be assigned and appoynted, openly vppon their vpper garment, of the compasse in length and bredth of tenne ynches, vpon pain that they and euery of them, whan so euer and as often as any of theym beinge out of the sayde house or mansion, wherin he hath his sayde lodgyng, shall be founden and taken without the same badge or cognisance, clerely to lose and forsaite his or their priuilege and auantage of saintuarie. And that it shall be laufull to all and synguler the kynges subiectes to apprehend and take euery such offender and offenders, beinge without his badge or cognisance, as aforesaide: and hym to bringe out of the saintuarie into the next gaole, there to remayne vnto the next gaole deliuered, and then to be tryed, accorpyng to the due course and order of the lawe, as though he had neuer ben priuiledged in any suche sayntuary.

And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no maner of the said priuiledged persons, at any tyme hereafter beate occupie or weare vpon the any maner of sword knyfe or other wepon, other than theyr meate knyues, and the same meate knyues but at their meales only, vpon pain as is aboue reherfed.

Furthermoze be it enacted by the sayd auctorite, that if any of the sayde priuiledged persons at any time after the sayde fyrst Maye date, fortune to be founde apprehended or taken out of his or their lodgyng, before the sonne risinge in the mornynge, or after the sonne goinge downe in the euenynge, the same priuiledged personne so founde apprehended or taken shall at the fyrste tyme, for his so offendynge, suffre imprisonment withyn the same saintuary, by the space of .ii. dayes, and at the seconde tyme to haue imprisonment by the

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the space of fyre days, and at the thirde tyme, that he shalbe so founnden apprehended oꝛ take out of his said lodging, contrary to the oꝛder befoꝛe mentioned, and the same being substantially pꝛoued by indifferent pꝛoues thereof to be made befoꝛe the loꝛde chancellour of Englande foꝛ the tyme beinge, to fozfayte and lose his oꝛ theyr pꝛiuilege of sayntuarie.

**A**lso be it further enacted by the sayd auctoꝛite, that if any maner of sayntuarie persone oꝛ persones of pꝛepensed malyce at any tyme hereafter do reskewe oꝛ resiste any of the gouernours afoꝛesayd, oꝛ theyr deputies, in executione of their office, in takynge and imprisonmente of any of the personnes pꝛiuileged, offending contrary to the tenour of this acte, that then he oꝛ they that shal fortune to make reskewes: shal be hereafter taken out of sayntuarie, and to suffre and be tried as felons in euery thinge.

**A**nd ouer that be it enacted by the auctoꝛite afoꝛesayd, that al maner of cōtractes of dette vnder .xl. s. trespasses & couenantes, y at any tyme here after shal hapē to be made oꝛ grow within any of y sayd sayntuaries betwene any of the said pꝛiuileged person oꝛ persons & other inhabitantes within any such sayntuarie that the gouernours oꝛ their deputie of any of the same sayntuaries, where any such cōtract trespass oꝛ couenant shal fortune to be made growe oꝛ be, as is afoꝛesayde, shal haue fulle power and auctoꝛitie by this pꝛesente acte, to oꝛder iudge and determyne the same, accoꝛdyng as it shal be dewly there pꝛoued afoꝛe the sayde gouernour oꝛ gouernours.

**A**n acte conteyninge an oꝛder foꝛ tythes thꝛough the realme. cap. xx.



**F**oꝛ as moche as dyuers noumbꝛes of euylle dysposed personnes, inhabtyed in sondꝛe countiees, citiees, townees, and places of this realme, haupnge no respect to their dueties to allmyghty god, but agaynst righte and good conscience, haue attempted to subtract and withhold in some places the hole, and in some places great partes of theyꝛ tythes and oblations, as well personall as pꝛediall, due vnto god and holy churche, and purselwynge suche theyꝛ detestable enozmitiees and iniuries, haue attempted in late time past to disobey contemne and dispise the pꝛocesse lawes and decrees of the ecclesiasticall courtes of this realme, in moze temerous & large maner than befoꝛe this tyme hath ben sene. foꝛ refoꝛmation of which sayd iniuries, and foꝛ vnitie and peace to be pꝛeserued amongst the kinges subiectes of this realme, our soueraygne loꝛde the kynge, beyng supꝛeme heed in erthe vnder god of the churche of Englande, willynge the spirituall tyghtes and dutyes of that church to be pꝛeserued contynued and maynteyned, hath ordeined and enacted by auctoꝛite of this pꝛesent parliament, that euery of his subiectes of this realme of Englande Irelande wales and Cailes and marches of the same, accoꝛding to the ecclesiastical lawes and ordinaunces of his churche of englande, and after the laudable vsages and customes of ther parishes oꝛ othe place where he dwelleth oꝛ occupieth, shal yeld and



and paye his tythes offeringes and other duties of holy church: And that for suche subtraction of any of the sayde tythes offeringes or other duties the person vicar curate or other partie in that behalfe greved maye by due proces of the kynges ecclesiastical lawes of the church of England conuict the person or persones so offendinge before his ordinary or other competent iudge of this realme, hauing auctorite to here and determine the right of tythes, and also to compel the same person or personnes offendinge to do and yelde theyr sayd duties in that behalfe. And in case the ordinary of the diocesse, or his commissary, or the archdecon or his official, or any other competent iudge aforesayde, for any contempte contumacy disobedience or other misdemeanour of the partie defendante, make information and requeste to any of the kynges moste honorable counsel, or to the iustices of the peare of the shire where suche offendour dwelleth, to assise or orde the same ordinary commissary archdecon official or iudge, to orde or resourne any suche person in any cause before rehearsed: That then he or the kynges sayde honorable counsaile, or suche two Justices of peare, wherof one to be of the Quorum, to whom suche information or request shalbe made, shal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to attache or cause to be attached the person or persones, against whom suche information or request shalbe made, And to committe the same person or persones to ward, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, tyl he or they shal haue found sufficient suretie, to be bounde by recognyssaunce or other wyse before the kynges said counsaile, or iustice of peare, or any other lyke court, tour or Justice of peare, to the vse of our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng, to geue due obedience to the proces proceedinges decrees & sentences of ecclesiastical court of this realme, wherin suche suite or mater for the premises shal depose or be. And that euery of the kynges sayd counsellours, or two iustices of the peare, wherof one to be of the Quorum as is aforesayd, shal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to take receyue and receyue recognysances and oblygacions in any of the causes aboue wryten.

**Provided** alway, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned shal not extende to any inhabitaunte of the cite of London, for or concerninge any maner of tythe offeringe or other ecclesiastical duette growen and due to be payed or yelde within the same cite, because there is on other orde made for the payment of tythes and other duties within the sayd cite.

**Provided** also that euery person and personnes, beinge partie or parties to any suche suite, shal and maye make and haue his and their lawfull action demaunde or prosecution appeles prohibitions and al other their lawfull defences and remedies in euery suche suite, accordinge to the sayde ecclesiastical lawes, and lawes and statutes of this realme, in as ample and lyberall maner and fourme, as they or any of them myghte haue hadde, if this acte hadde neuer benne made: Any thinge in this acte aboue wryten not withstandinge

**Provided** alwayes and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that this act

acte for recoveryng of tythes, no any thyng therein contented; shal take force or effecte, but onely vntyll suche tyme as the kynges highnes, and suche other, xxxii. personnes, whiche his highnes shal name and appoynte for the makinge and establisshinge of such lawes, as his highnes shal affirme and ratifie to be called the ecclesiasticall lawes of his church of Englande: And after the sayde lawes so ratified and confirmed, as is aforesayde; that then the saide tythes, to be paid to every ecclesiasticall personne, accordyng to suche lawes, and none other wyse.

**An acte bymyttinge an order for payment of tythes within the cite of London. Cap. xxi.**

**B**E it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliamente, that all and every the citisens and inhabitantes of the cite of London, and suburbs within the liberties of the same, shal at this presente tyme of Ester nexte commynge paye vnto the curates of the sayd cite and suburbs, al such & lyke sommes of money for tythes oblations and other duties, as the said citisens and inhabitantes by the order of my lorde Chauncellour and other of the kynges moste honorable counsaill and the kynges proclamation, pated or ought to haue paid by force and vertue of the sayde order, at Ester that was in the yere of our lordes god, M. D. XXXV. And the same paymentes so to continue frome tyme to tyme, vntyll such tyme as any other order or lawe shalbe made published ratified and confirmed by the kynges highnes, and the xxxii. personnes by his grace to be named, as well for the full stablisshment concernyng the payment of al tythes, oblations and other duties of the inhabitantes within the sayde cite and suburbs within the liberties of the same, as for the makinge of other ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme of England. And that every personne dynginge to pay as is aforesaid, shal by the commaundemente of the maire of London for the tyme beinge, be committed to prisonne, there to remaine vntyll suche tyme as he or they haue agreed with the curate and curates for the sayde tythes oblations and other duties, as is aforesayde.

**An acte concernynge decay of houses and inclosers. Cap. xxii.**

**W**HERE as in the fourth yere of the reigne of the noble kinge of famous memoire Henry the. vii. father to the kynges highnes our soueraigne lord that now is, it was ordeined established & enacted amonges other thinges, that every owner of any mese, which within thre yeres next befoze the same. liii. yere, was or after that time shuld be letten to ferme with. xx. acres of lond at the least, lieng in tillage & husbandry, shuld be bound to kepe & sustein the housing & building of the same mese coueniently for the maintenance of husbandry & tillage; & if any owner of the same shuld fortune to occupy any

any suche mese or lande in his owne handes, he shulde be bounde to vphold and susteine the same, as it is befoze reherfed: And if any persō happened to do o the contrary, than it shulde be lesull vnto the kyng, or vnto the lordes, of whom any suche mese or landes is holden immediatly, to take perely the one halfe of thisues and pofites of all and euery suche tenemente, without payenge any thinge for the same, vntill such tyme as the housing shuld be builded, or reedified agayn, and the lōdes therof conuerted into tyllage: and that no person shuld haue clayme or chalenge any fre hold in the same land or tenementes by takyng of any suche pofettes, but only that it shuld be lesull vnto the kyng and other lordes to distrayne for the paiement of the mortie of the perely yssues reuenues and pofittes of the same, like as in the said acte moze at length is conteyned. By reason of whiche sayde statute and ordynance diuerse and many meses, whiche be holden immediatly of the kynges highnes, within late yeres haue ben buylded and reedified, and the lōdes there vnto belonging conuerted apen into their firste nature of tyllage and husbandry, accoꝝdinge to the tenour and purpoꝝt of the sayd good and gracious acte. And all other such meses and lōdes as be holden immediat of any other lordes, be and remayne vnto this pꝛesent daye pꝛostate vnbuilded and the lōdes therof conuerted and employed onely into pasture, and to no other purpose, to the greatte decaye of all maner of victualles within this realme, and to the derogation and hinderance of the common welthe of the same many wayes. And for as moche as in the sayde acte was no other remedy pꝛouided for and agaynst al those persones that do or shuld hold any manours meses landes or tenementes of other lordes, for not repairing and reedifieng of the houses, and conuertynge the sayd lōdes into tyllage and husbandry, accoꝝdyng to the trewe and vertuous meanyng of the same good act, but onely euery lord immediate mought haue and distrayne for the mortie of the pofittes of all and euery suche mese and landes decayed in fourme afoꝛesaid, as in the same acte among other thynges moze at length it is declared. And also for that the lordes immediat & thother meane lordes haue not put the sayd good acte in dewe and playne execution, accoꝝding to the tenour therof, as they ought and mought haue done, a great number of the houses meses tenementes and acres of lond, which at the making of the said good act were in ruine and decay, and the lōdes therof conuerted from tillage into pasture, do yet remayne vnbuilded vnreedified, and al the lōdes to them belonging hitherto be kepte and vled into pasture, and not conuerted apen into tyllage, accoꝝdinge to the purpoꝝt true meanyng and intente of the sayde acte. And so by thismeanes diuers and sondꝛe persons, whiche holde not theyꝝ landes and tenementes immediat of the kynges highnes, haue and daily do from tyme to tyme decay and lette fal downe no small number of meses and houses of husbandry: And also do conuerte the lōdes of the same from tyllage and husbandrie into pasture, to the most peyllous example of al other being in lyke case, and to the greattes abuse and disorder of the naturall sople of the grohnd, that by any maner of inuention could



coude be practised or imagined. Be it therfore enacted ordeyned and esta-  
blished by the kyng our souerayne lord, and by the lordes spirituall and  
temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by  
thauenturie of the same that the kyng our souerayne lord, his heires and  
successours, from and after the feest of saynt Michael tharcangel, whiche  
shall be in the yere of our lord god .M.D.XXXVIII. shall take and haue  
the moite of all issues reuenues rentes & profites coming & growinge of al  
& singuler meles landes & tenementes now and then remaining inclosed de-  
cayed or conuerted from tyllage into pasture, contrary to the tenour & true  
meaning of the sayde acte, made in the sayde fourth yere of kyng Henry the  
vii. and beinge at this present day so founde alced by office and verditte of  
xii. men, or whiche hereafter at any tyme by lyke office and verditte shall be  
founde, of whome so euer they be holden, whiche haue ben decayed and con-  
uerted from tillage into pasture sithe thre yeres nexte befoze the forsayde  
fourth yere of the reygne of the sayde noble kinge Henry the. vii. vntyll su-  
che tyme as the owner of the sayde meles landes and tenementes shall haue  
buiyded and reedified agayne in and vpon conuenient places of the sayde  
meles landes and tenementes for euery fyfty acres, forty acres or thyrty a-  
cres of lond, one sufficient tenement mete for an honest man to dwel in, and  
also vntyll suche tyme as the same owners haue conuerted, or caused al the  
sayde landes soo mysused to be conuerted from pasture in to tyllage apen,  
acordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry bled in the coun-  
trei where any suche landes do lye, and acordyng to the true entente and  
meanynge of the sayde acte.

**¶** Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that if a-  
ny owner of landes and tenementes, at any tyme after the last day of April,  
in the yere of our lord god .M.D.XXXVI. decay any house of housban-  
dry, hauynge. xx. acres of errable land at the least therunto lyeng in tillage,  
or conuert the same land in to pasture, contrary to the true intent & meaning  
of the said acte: than if the lord, of whome any such house and landes be the  
holden immediatly do not take the benefite of the sayde acte, concernynge ta-  
kyng of the moite of the profettes of the same house and landes soo mysu-  
sed, as is aboue reherfed, within one yere nexte after the sayd decay, or with-  
in one yere nexte after the conuerting of the sayd land from tillage into pas-  
ture, the kynges highnes in default of the sayde lordes immediat shall and  
maye from and after any office founde therof haue and take the one moitie  
of all the issues reuenues and profettes commynge and growng of the same  
house and landes so decayed or conuerted from tyllage into pasture, vntyll  
such tyme as the owner of the said house and landes so misused haue reedy-  
fied the same house, and conuerted and put the same lades apen into tillage,  
acordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry bled in the  
countrey there, as is aboue reherfed.

**¶** Provided alway, that the kynges highnes shall not haue clayme or cha-  
lenge any freholde or tenure in or to any of the premises by takynge of the  
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moitie of any suche pofites, noꝛ that any loꝛde of whom any fuche meſes oꝛ londes be holden, ſhal loſe ne foꝛſayt any their tenures ſeruice oꝛ other their right of and in the ſame, but only that his highnes his heires & ſucceſſours ſhall haue ful power by vertue of this preſent act, after the finding alwayſ of any office oꝛ offices from tyme to tyme, onely to diſtrayne foꝛ paymente of the moitie of the yerely iſſues reuenues and pofites of al fuche londes and tenementes, as be vnto the kynges highnes limited and appointed by this act, accoꝛdyng to the true intent and meanyng of the ſame acte, vntyll fuche tyme as the true intent and purpoſe of this preſente acte ſhall be dewely and truly put in execution in euery behalfe to al intentes, as is befoꝛe declared.

**P**rouided alſo that this act noꝛ any thing therein cōteined, be in any wiſe pꝛeiuiciale oꝛ hurtfull to any infant within thage of. xxi. yeres, noꝛ to any pſon oꝛ perſons beyng out of the kynges realme foꝛ any iſſues and pofites to be leuied perceiued oꝛ taken by vertu of this preſent acte, as longe as they ſhal be within age, oꝛ out of this realme, noꝛ ſhall extende to any marſhe oꝛ fenne groundes, noꝛ to any manours landes oꝛ tenementes, beinge enclosed at this preſente day, within any foꝛeſt parke oꝛ chafe, wherein be dere belongyng vnto the kynges hyghnes, oꝛ to any temporal loꝛde, knight, oꝛ ſquiere of this realme of England oꝛ wales, ſo that they haue licēce opteined at this preſent daye of the kynges ſayde highnes, oꝛ of any his noble progenytours to imparke the ſame, & alſo haue compownded with the owners therof, that the ſame owners be ſatiſſied foꝛ the ſame: any thyng in this act to the contrary not withſtandyng.

**P**rouided alwaies that this preſent act extēd not noꝛ be in any wiſe hurtful oꝛ pꝛeiuiciale vnto any owners of any londes oꝛ tenementes in any roſſities of this realme of England, but only vnto al & euery the roſſities hereafter ſpecified, that is to ſay, the counties of Lincolne, Northyngham, Leiceſter, Warwyke, Rutlande, Northampton, Bedford, Buckyngham, Gloceſter, Berke. the ple of Wyght, Wyreſter, Heref. and Cambrige.

**An act foꝛ the preſeruacion of hauens and portes in the counties of Deuon and Cornwal. Cap. xxiij.**

**W**here by a ſtatute made in this preſent parliament foꝛ & concerninge the amendyng and mayntenance of the hauens and portes of Plymmouth, Dartmouth, Teinmouth, Falmouth, & Fowey, in the countie of Deuonſhyre and Cornwal, amonge other thinges it was ordeyned & enacted, that no perſon oꝛ perſonnes, fro and after the feaſt of ſaint Michael tharchangel, which was in the xxiij. yere of the reigne of the kynges highnes that now is, ſhuld labour oꝛ worke, oꝛ cauſe to be laboured oꝛ wrought in any maner of tin workes called ſtreſt workes, within the ſaid counties of Deuon oꝛ Cornwal, nꝑgh to any of the freſhe waters riuers oꝛ lowe places, diſcendyng oꝛ hauynge courſe vnto the ſayd hauens oꝛ portes, oꝛ any of them, noꝛ ſhuld labour dygge oꝛ waſhe any



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time in any of the sayde tyn workes, called streame workes, onles the sayde dygger, owner, or washer shuld make or cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyres in the end of their buddles and cordes, and therein put a lay, or cause to be put and layde all the sayd stones grauel and robell digged about then- serching finding and washing of the sayd tynne, there to be holly and surely kepte by the sayde hatches & ties out and from the sayd freshe riuers or wa- ter courses or any of them, so that the sayde stones grauelle and robell ne any parte therof, be for lacke of such hatches or ties conueied into the said portes and hauens, or any of them, vpon payne to forsayte for euery tyme that any owner or digger shuld digge or walhe or cause to be digged or washed any tynne, contrarie to the fourme aforesayde. x. li. Whone halfe therof to be to the vse of our soueraygne lord the kynge, and the other halfe therof to be to any of the inhabytauntes of the said porte townes or hauens, that wolde sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by originall writte, bylle, playnte, informacion, or otherwise, wherin the defendand shulde not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or esloynne shulde be allowable, as in the sayde acte amonge other thinges more playnely is expessed and declared. And by cause sythe the makynge of the sayde statute, thenhabitantes of the sayde porte townes or hauens, hauinge lytel regarde respect loue or affecti- on, to the amendinge and maintenance of the same townes and hauens, nor to their posterite, as they ben naturally bounden and oblyged, haue permit- ted and suffred the sayde owners and diggers to perseuer & continue in dig- ging serching & washing of tyn, nyghe the said freshe waters ryuers or lowe places, not makynge sufficient hatches & tyres, as by the sayd statute is prou- ded & ordeined without any maner of suite comensed or pursued by the saide inhabitantes, accordyng to the tenour of the said acte, to the great animation and encouragynge of thoffendours, and to thutter vndoinge and destruction of the sayd porte, townes, and hauens. The kynges maiestie myndinge and entendynge the supportation and mayntenance of his said townes and ha- uens, and the animaduersion & correction of the said offendours, hath by the assent of the lordes spiritual & tempozal, & the comons in this present parlia- ment assembled, and by thauctoiztie of the same, ordeyned, enacted, & stablis- shed, that no pson or psons hereafter shal labour or worke, or cause to be la- bozed or wrought in any maner of tyn workes, called streame workes within the said countie of Deuonshyre or Cornwal, nygh to any of the said freshe waters ryuers or lowe places, dissending or hauinge cource vnto the saide hauens or portes, or any of them, nor shal labour, dygge or walhe any tyn in any of the sayd tyn workes, called streame workes, onles the saide dygger, owner, or washer shal make, or cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyres in the end of their puddelles and cordes, and therein putte and laye, or cause to be put and layde all the sayd stones, grauell, and robbell, dygged aboute thenserchyng, fyndynge, and washinge of the sayde tyn, there to be holly and surely kepte by the sayde hatches and tyres, out and from the saide freshe riuers or water courses, or any of them: so that p said sand, stones, grauel, & robell,



robell, ne any parte therof, be for lacke of suche hatches or tyes conueyed in to the said portes & hauens, or any of them, vppon peine to forfeite for euery tyme, that any owner, tynner, digger, or laborer shal digge or walthe or cause to be dygged or walshed, any tynne contrary to the fourme aforesayde. xx.ii. Thone halfe therof to be to thuse of his highnes, and thother halfe therof to be to any of his graces subiectes, that wille sue for the same in any of his graces courtes by original writt bil plaint information or other wise, wherin the defendaut shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or essoyne shalbe allowable.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctozittie aforesayde, that if any persone or persones shal happen to be sued, accused, indited, imprisoned, amerced, condempned, or otherwyle vexed or troubled in his person, londes, tynne workes, goodes, or cattalles by any of the mynisters or officers of any the kynges courtes of stannerpe, or by any other persone or persones for pursuynge or attemptynge any suite or action accoꝛdinge to this estatute, aghenst suche person or persons as shal offende contrary to the fourme aforesayde: that then al suche suites accusementes inditementes imprisonementes actions condemnacions synes amerciamentes, and euerye other acte or actes, to be doone in any of the sayde courtes of stannerpe, or elles where, by any persone or persones aghenst any person or persones for synng or attempting, any suites or actions by vertue of this statute, shalbe vntully boꝛde and of none effecte in the lawe: And that the parte sued indited accused imprisoned, or other wise greued or molested for pursuing aghenst any persone or persones offendinge this statute, shal haue his action and remedy grounde vpon this statute by original writte, byl, plaint, information, or otherwise in any of the kynges courtes, aghenst suche as shal procure, or attempte, to here, trouble, or otherwise molest any suche person or persons for sewynge or pursuynge of the forsaures aforesayd, and shal recouer treble damages in that behalfe, and the partie defendaut shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection, essoyne, nor priuilege shalbe to him allowable.

¶ And if it shal happen any persone or persones, for pursuynge any suite or action vpon this statute, or by occasion of the same hereafter to be imprisoned by any maner of person or persons beinge officers or ministers of the courte of stannery, their deputies or substitutes: that then euery of the iustices of peace within any of the countiees aforesayde, wherin the sayde pꝛisoner shal happen to be committed to pꝛison, vpon credible information thereof, takynge suretie by his discrecion for apperance of suche pꝛisoner at the nexte generall sessions of peace, shal haue power and auctozite as well to directe his warraunte to the gaoler or keper of the pꝛison, as to any other person or persons, to whom the sayd pꝛisoner shal be committed vnto, commaundynge hym or them vpon peyne of forsaure of .xl. li. to deliuer and put at large the sayde pꝛisoner or pꝛisoners, whiche if he refuse so to do, then euerye suche offendout shal lose and forsaure the sayd .xl. li. Thone halfe of whiche forsaure to be to the vse of our soueraine lord the kyng, & the other

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halfe to him that is greued by reason of suche imprisonment, to be recouered in maner and forme afoze sayd: And the defendand in any action or suite for the same shal not wage his law, ne haue any essoin or protection allowed. And if it shal appere vpon thapperance of such prisoner at the quarter sessions by examynation of the Justycars of peace there beinge, that he was imprisoned contrary to the fourme of this statute: that than he shall be forthwith dismissed and therby discharged. And if he were lawfully imprisoned for any other iuste cause, than to be remaunded to prison by the discretion of the sayde Justiciars.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned be not in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtefull to any of the officers of the stannerie, ne to any of their lawfull liberties, priuileges, vlags, lawes, or customes, savinge onely in the cases and prouisions conteyned and lytted within this present acte, whiche shall alway be put in execution, accordyng to the tenour of this acte: any vlage custome priuilege or dinaunce or libertie to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ An acte for recontynuinge of certayne liberties and franchises here tofoze taken from the crowne. Cap. xxv. 24



¶ Here byuers of the mooste auncient prerogatiues and auctorities of Justice, apperteynyng to the imperiall crowne of this realme, haue bene leuered and taken frome the same by sondrie gyftes of the kynges mooste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, to the great diminution & detriment of the royall estate of the same, and to the hyndrance and greate delaye of Justice. For reformation wherof be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyamente, that no persone or persons, of what estate or degre so euer they be of, from the firste day of July, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god .M.D. XXXVI. shall haue any power or auctorite to pardon or remytte any treasons, murders, manslaughter, or any kyndes of felonies, what so euer they be: nor any accessories to any treasons, murders, manslaughter, or felonies, or any villainies for any suche offences afozesayd, committed, perpetrated, done, or diuulged, or hereafter to be committed, done, or diuulged by or agaynst any person or persones in any parties of this realme, Wales, or the marches of the same, but that the kynges highnes, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue the hole and sole power and auctoritie therof vntited & knyt to the imperyll crowne of this realme, as of good ryght and equitie it apperteyneth, any grauntes, vlags, prescription, act or actes of parlyament, or any other thinge to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie afoze sayd, that no person or persons, of what estate, degre, or condicion so euer they be, from the sayd first day of July, shall haue any power or auctoritie to make any Justices of Oyre, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole deliuerie: but that all  
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such officers and mynisters shal be made by letters patentes vnder the kynges great seale, in the name and by auctoritie of the kynges hyghnes, and his heires kynges of this realme, in al shires, countie palantine, and other places of this realme, wales, and marches of the same, or in any other his dominions, at theyr pleasure and wylls, in suche maner & forme as Justices ofyre, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, and Justices of gaole deliquerie be commonly made in euery shire of this realme, any grauntes vslages, prescriptiōs, allowances, acte or actes of parliament, or any other thyng or thynges to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all originall wyttes, and iudiciall wyttes, and all maner of enditmentes of treason, felonye, and trespass, and all maner of proces to be made vppon the same in euery countie palantine and other lybertie within this realme of Englande, wales, and marches of the same, shall from the sayd first day of July, be made onely in the name of our sayd soueraygne lorde the kyng, and his heires kynges of Englande. And that euery person or persons, havinge suche countie palantine, or any other suche lybertie to make suche originals, iudicials, or other processe of Justice, shall make the same in the sayd original wyttes and iudicial in the name of ysaid person or persons, that haue suche countie palantine or lybertie. And that in euery wytte and inditment, that shall be made within any suche countie palantine or lybertie, after the said first day of July next comminge, whereby it shalbe supposed any thyng to be done agaynst the kynges peace, shall be made and supposed to be done onely agaynst the kynges peace, his heires and successours, and not agaynst the peace, of any other persō or persons, what so ever they be, any acte of parlyamente, graunte, custome, vslage, or allowance in yre before this time had, graunted, or vslod to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided also, that Justices of assises, Justices of gaole deliquerie, & Justices of peace to be made and assigned by the kynges hyghnes within the countie palantie of Lancaster, shall be made and ordeyned by commission vnder the kynges vsuall seale of Lancaster, in maner and forme as hath benne accustomed, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also, that all cities, boroughes, and towne corporate within this realme, whiche haue lybertie, power, and auctorite to haue Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole deliquerie, shall byll haue and enioye theyr lyberties and auctorities in that behalfe, after suche lyke maner as they haue ben accustomed, without any alteration by occasion of this acte, any thyng in this acte, or in any attorde therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayde, that all stewardes, bayliffes, and other ministers of any lyberties or fraunchises whiche in tyme past haue vslod or ought to attende vpon the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole deliquerie, and Justices of the peace at large in any countie, shal be attendaunt



to the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole deliverry, and Justices of peace of the same shires, wherin suche liberties and franchises be; and make betwe execution of al proses to them to be directed, for ministration of iustice within in suche liberties or franchises. And that also all suche bailifes, or their deputies or deputes, shal pue their attendance and assistance vpon the shere to gether with the sheryffes bailiffes at all courtes of gaole deliverry from tyme to tyme for execution of prisoners accordinge to iustice.

¶ It is provided also, that the article nexte above rehearsed, shall not in any wise be prejudicial to any stewarden or bailiffes of any cities, boroughes, or townes corporate set in any shire of this realme, whiche have privilege that they shuld not be compelled to atted or appere out of such cities, boroughes, or townes, wherin they inhabyte, but that every suche cite, borough, and towne corporate, shal vse their sayde privileges and liberties, as heretofore hath ben accustomed: any thinge in any of the article above rehearsed to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that the kyng our sone reynynge, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, from the sayde first day of July next comming, shal have all maner fynes, issues, amerciamentes and forfaitures, that shalbe lost, forfaiture, or alledged, by or vpon any stewarden, bailiffes, or any other ministers, or officers of any franchises or liberties for none execution, or misexecution or insufficient retournes of suche writtes, warauntes, preceptes, or other proses, which to them or any of them or to any their deputie or deputies shal be directed, or for any contempt or other misdemeanour, what so ever it be, concerninge their offices in and for the betwe execution or administration of iustice, any graunte or allowance, or other thinge to the contrary hereof not withstanding. And that the amerciamentes for insufficient retournes of writtes or other proccesse made by stewarden or bailiffes of liberties or franchises, havinge retournes of writtes and execution of the same, shalbe put and let vpon the hedes of suche stewarden or bailiffes, and not vpon the sheryffes.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that purveyours assigned by the kynges commission for pprovisions of his grace, the quene, or their chyldren, shal and may provide all vitayles, coyne, and other kyndes of thinges, what so ever it be, accordinge to their commissions, as well within liberties and franchises as without: any grauntes, allowances, or other thinge to the contrary or lettherof notwithstandinge.

¶ It is provided also, that suche purveyours shal observe the statutes for them provided in every behalfe.

¶ And over this it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayde, that in al suche places, where so ever the kynges highnes in his owne mooste royall personne shal come, to rest, tarye, abyde, or make his repose within this realme, or any his dominions, within liberty or without, there and within the verge, limited and accustomed to his graces court, duringe the time of his abode, his grace, his Steward, Marshall, Coroner, and all other his ministers,

ministers, shall & maye kepe their courttes for iustice, & exercise theyr offices as shall apperteyne to them, accordyng to lawes, customes & statutes of this realme, as well within liberties as without. And this graces clerkes of the market, and none other, duringe the same tyme, as well within libertie as without, shall exercise the office of clerke of the market any privilege, graunt, allowaunce or other thinge to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

¶ Provided alway, that this article nexte afoze rehearsed, or any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the rite of London, but that the same cite shall have and use suche liberties as they moughte, if this article had never be made.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite afozelayde that all and every statute, acte and actes, heretofore made, and beinge in force, agaynst sheriffes, their undersheriffes, bayliffes, or other ministers for makynge or retournynge of pannels or Juries, or for due execution and scrupng of any writtes or other processe, or for takynge of fees, or for reformation of extortions, or for any other thyng or thynges concernynge their offices, and all peynes and penalties cōteyned in every suche statute, shall from henceforth be extended to all stewardes bayliffes and other ministers and officers of liberties & franchises, haupyng retournes of writtes and executions thereof, in lyke maner, fourme and condition, as they extende to shiriffes their under shiriffes bayliffes or other ministers, and as if the sayd stewardes bayliffes, or other ministers or officers of liberties and franchises, had ben specially and particularly named and rehearsed in suche statutes.

¶ Provided alway, that this article nexte above rehearsed, shall not be prejudiciall to any stewarde, bayliffes of franchises, or to their deputie or deputies, or theyr clerkes, for exercisynge and occupienge their offices now and above one yere: but that they and every of them may kepe and occupie their saide offices for so longe tyme as they be or hereafter shall be yere to them, as if this article nexte afoze rehearsed had never bene made, any of the sayde actes to be expounded and taken agaynst them or any of them to the contrarye thereof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is enacted by auctorite afozelayd, that all suche iustices to be made, as is afoze rehearsed in this acte, shall have auctorite & power to kepe and holde their sessions of peace, and to delivuer the same gaoles from tyme to tyme onely within the same liberties and franchises, and in suche places, and in none other place, by reason or auctorite of that commission: and to do and execute all other thynges within the same, in as ample and large maner, as any other iustices of peace and gaole delivuerie, in any shere within this realme may do and have auctorite to do: any acte graunte use custome and allowaunce heretofore had made or bled, or any article in this present acte made to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Provided alwayes, that al and spnguler Justices of the peace, gaole delivuerie, and allise, hereafter to be made named and appoynted by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, within any libertie, where any suche Justice

Justice of peace, gaole delyuerer, or assise, or any of them haue ben made by any persone or personnes, by vertue or auctoritie of any letters patentes, of the gyfte or graunte of our soueraygne lord the kynge, or his mooste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, or otherwise shall sytte and kepe their sessions gaole delyuerie and assises, whelp in suche place and places, as the Justices of the sayd libertties lately haue ben comonly vsed within the saide lybertties. And that no person or persons, within the sayde lybertties or any of them, shall be hereafter in no wise compelled by auctoritie of this acte, to appere out of the sayd lybertties befoze any other Justices of assise, gaole delyuerer, or of the peace: than befoze suche iustices as shall be named and assigned to syt and be by the kynges highnes his heires & successours, within the sayd lybertties in forme abouesayd. And that this act shal not extende or be expounded or taken to any other lyberttie priuilege or franchises, graunted vsed or had to any person or persons, other than befoze in this present acte is expessed and playnely declared and reherled: any thinge in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge, and as if this acte had neuer ben made.

**It** is provided alwayes, that this acte nor any thinge therein conteyned, be in any wise hurtful or prejudicial vnto sir Thomas Englefeld knyght, iustice of the countie palantine of Chester and Flint, nor to his deputye or deputies nor to any of them, of foze or concernynge the office of iustice or iusticer of the sayd countie palantine and flynt: nor foze or concernynge any fees profittes or advantages to the same office in any maner wise apperteynyng or belonging: but that the sayde syr Thomas, his deputie and deputies and euery of them, maye laifullly haue occupie and exercise the sayd office, and also receyue and take to theyr owne vse, all maner profittes commodities and aduantages to the sayd office belonging or apperteynyng, accordyng to the tender purpote and effecte of suche letters patentes, as befoze this time were vnto the same sir Thomas made vnder the seale of the sayde countie, palantine, or vnder any other seale, by our sayde soueraygne lord the king that now is, of foze or concernynge the sayd office, and other the premysse, or any parcell thereof, in as ample and large maner, as though this acte had neuer ben had ne made: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

**It** is provided alway, that this acte ne any thinge therein conteyned, be in any wise prejudicial or hurtful to any citie borough or towne corporate, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporeate, and theyr successours, and the successours of euery of them, of foze any maner of lybertties priuileges customes and ancient vsages and franchises: And also of al maner of fines issues and amerciamentes and forsaitures, which they or any of them haue of the graunt or grauntes of our said soueraygne lord the king, or of any of his noble progenitours kynges of this realme of Englañd: but that the sayd cities boroughes and townes corporate and euery of them and their successours, maye haue take leuie and enioye all and euery suche laifull lybertties priuileges franchises customes & vsages in as ample and large



large maner, and in like forme and condicion as they & euery of them haue laufully taken vled and had the same befoze the makynge of this acte: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge, and as if this act had neuer be had ne made.

**P**rouided alway and be it enacted, that Thomas now byshop of Ely and his successours byshoppes of Ely, and they; tempoꝛalle stewarde of the yle of Ely for the tyme beinge, and euery of them, shall from hensforth be iustices of peace within the said yle, and shall vse and exercise al maner of thynges within the same yle, that apperteyneth oꝛ belongeth to any Iustices of peace within any countie of this realme of England, to do, exercise, and vse, by vertu and auctoritie that they be iustices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace, in any countie within this realme haue oꝛ myght do, exercise, oꝛ vse any thyng oꝛ thynges in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**P**rouided alway and be it enacted, that Cuthbert now byshop of Durham, and his successours byshoppes of Durham, and they; tempoꝛall chancellour of the countie palantine of Durham for the time being, and euery of them, shall from hensforth be iustices of peace within the said county palantine of Durham, and shall exercise & vse all maner thynges within the same countie palantine, that apperteyneth oꝛ belongeth to any Iustice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do, exercise, & vse, by vertue and auctoritie that they be iustices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace in any countie within this realme haue oꝛ myght do exercise oꝛ vse: any thyng oꝛ thynges in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**P**rouided alway & be it enacted, that Edward now archbishop of Yorke and his successours archbishops of Yorke, and they; tempoꝛal chancellour of the shire & libertie of Herham, other wise called Hertoldesham, for the time being and euery of them, shall from hensforth be iustices of peace within the said shire and libertie of Herham, other wise called Hertoldesham: and shall exercise and vse al maner thynges within the said shire and libertie, that apperteyneth oꝛ belongeth to any Iustice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do exercise and vse, by vertue & auctoritie that they be Iustices of peace, in as large and ample maner as any other Iustice of peace in any countie within this realme haue oꝛ myght do exercise oꝛ vse: any thyng oꝛ thynges in this act cōteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

**A**n acte for punishment of sturdy bacaboundes and  
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**W**HERE IN AN ACTE made at westminster in the. xxii. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lord kynge HENRY the. viii. among other thynges it was ordeyned, establisshed, and enacted, that euery stronge and balliante begger and bacabounde,

bounde, after he were whyppe for his vacabuncpe and ydelnes, shulde departe from the place where he was whyppe, directly vnto such towne hundred and countie, where he was borne, or where he had dwelled by the space of thye yerres nexte before, there to continue and abyde. And also that aged poore and impotent people shulde in lyke wise repaire into euery hundred within the sayde countie, there to remayne and continue, accoꝝdyng to the meanyng and purpoꝝe of the saide acte, vpon paines limited in the same, as in the same acte moꝝe playnly appereth.

¶ And for as moche as it was not pꝛouided in the saide acte, howe and in what wise the saide poore people and sturpy vacaboundes shulde be ordeꝝed at theyꝝ repaꝝe, and at theyꝝ commynge into theyꝝ countreys, noꝝ howe the inhabitauntes of euery hundred shulde be charged for the reliefe of the same poore people, noꝝ yet for the setting & keepynge in woꝝke and labour of the afoꝝesayde valiant vacaboundes at theyꝝ sayd repaire into euery hundred of this realme: It is therfoꝝe nowe ordeꝝned, establisshed, and enacted, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parlyament assembled, and by thauctoꝝitie of the same, that all and euery the Mayres, Aldermenne, Shireffes, baylyffes, constables, householders, and all other heed officers and ministers of euery citie, shire, towne, and parishes of this realme, at the repaꝝe and commynge thither of suche poore creature or sturpy vacabounde, as is conteyned in the sayde acte, shall moost charitably receyue the same, and ordeꝝe the same in maner and foꝝme folowynge: That is to saye that all the gouernours and ministers of euery of the same citie shires towne hundredes wapentakes lathes rapes rydinges tythynge hamlettes and parishes, as well within libertie as without, shall not onely succour fynde and kepe al and euery of the same poore people, by way of voluntary and charitable almes, within euery of the same citie shires towne hundredes wapentakes lathes rapes tythynge hamlettes, and parishes as wel within libertie as without, to be succoured, reloued, and holpen with suche and conuenient necessary almes, as shall be thought mete by theyꝝ discretions, in suche wyse as none of them of very necessity shal be compelled to wander ydelly, and go openly in beggynge, to aske almes in any of the same citie shires towne & parishes: but also to cause and to compell all and euery the sayde sturpy vacaboundes and valiant beggers to be sette and kepte to continual labour, in suche wise as, by theyꝝ sayde labours they and euery of them maye gette theyꝝ owne liuynge, with the continual labour of theyꝝ owne handes. And euery maire aldermanne shireff bailiffe counstable and all other heed officers and ministers of euery countie citie towne and parishes within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, as wel within libertie as without, and all other personnes inhabitauntes within any of the same, shall endeuyour them selves to ordeꝝe and directe the poore people, valiant beggers and sturpy vacaboundes, in suche wise as the effecte of this pꝛesente acte shall be duely obserued, and put in due execution, vpon paine that

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that every parish shall lose and forsayte. xx. s. for every moneth, in which it is omitted and undone: And that to be inquired of at every quarter sessions, and to be duly presented and founde by the verdict of. xii. men.

**I**tem it is further enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that all and every person or persons, beinge whipped or sente vnto their countreys, in fourme aforesayd, at the ende of every tenne myles shall repaire vnto the constable of any parish, beinge directly in his waye towarde the countie and place, wherunto he is soo appoynted: and vpon sighte of his letters, gyven vnto hym at the tyme of his whyping and sendinge of him into the same his countrey, every of the sayd constables and others the kynges subiectes, shall and maye furnishe hym with competent meate, drinke, and lodgyng for one nyght onely, or for one meale, and so he shall continue his dayly journey of tenne myles, vntyll suche tyme as he shall come vnto the hundred and place wherunto he is assigned to go.

**I**tem it is enacted, by thautozitie aforesayd, that al and every ydel person and persons ruffelers, callinge them selues saruyng men, as wel within the cite of London, as within all other cities, shires, townes, parishes, and hamlettes of this realme, hauing no maisters, shall be entreated, vsed and ordered in every behalfe, and to all intentes, as is conteyned and specified, as wel in the aforesayde former acte, as in this present acte, vppon the payne aforesayde, to be loste and forsayted by the Shaire, Aldermen, Shyretesses, baylyffes, burgesse, ministers, and inhabytauntes of every of the same cities, boroughes and townes corporate, where any suche ruffeler shall be suffered to be resiaunt and abyding be the space of two dates, and not punished in fourme here after declared.

**I**tem it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctozitie aforesayde, that al and every the mayres, gouernors and heed officers of every cite borough and towne corporate, and the churche wardens, or two others of every parish of this realme, shall in good and charitable wise take suche discrete and conuenient order by gatherynge and procuringe of such charitable and voluntarie almes of the good christen people within the same with bores every sonday, holy day, and other festiual day, or otherwise among them selves in suche good and discrete wise, as the poore, impotente, lame, feble, sycke, and diseased people, beinge not able to worke, maye be prouided, holpen and relieved: so that in no wise they nor none of them be suffered to goe openly in begginge. And that suche as be lusty, or hauinge their limmes, stronge ynough to labour, maye be daily kepte in continuall labour, wherby euery one of them maye get their owne sustenance and liuinge with their owne handes, vpon payne that all and every the mayres, gouernours, aldermen, heed officers and others the kynges officers and ministers of every of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, hundredes, parishes, and hamlettes, shall lese and forsaite for every moneth that it is omitted and undone the summe of. xx. s.

**I**tem



**I**tem it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all leprouse and poxe beddyed creatures, what so euer they be, may at their owne lybertie remain and continue in suche place where they be, and shall not be compelled to repayre in to theyr countreies, accordinge to the tenour and purpoze of thasoye sayd former acte: any thinge conteyned in the same acte, or in this presente acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

**I**tem it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde gouernours, aldermen, iustices of the peace, and heed officers, bayliffes and constables of euery citie, borough, towne, hundreth, and parishe of this realme, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of this presente acte, to take vp all and synghuler children in euery parishe within theyr limittes, that be not greued with any notable disease or likenes, and beinge vnder the age of fourtene yerres, and aboue the age of fiue yerres, in begging or idelnes, and to appoint them to maisters of husbandrye or other craftes or laboures to be taughte, by the whiche they maye gette their lyuinges whan they shall come to age, gyfynge to them of the sayd charitable collections, as it may conueniently be susteyned and bozne, arayment to entte into suche seruice. And if any aboue the age of twelue yerres, and vnder the age of syxtene yerres refuse suche seruise, or departe from the same without cause reasonable, than they to be arrested and apprehended by any of the sayd officers, and to be brought befoze the maire, aldermen, Iustices of the peace, bayliffes, gouernours, constables, or other officers and ministers of that lymitte, or circuite, where they be taken: And if it shall appere by his or theyr confession, or other sufficiente testimony befoze the same officers and ministers, that he or they haue refused to serue, or haue departed from theyr seruice without cause reasonable, he shall than in the parishe, where he was apprehended, be openly whipped with rodde by the discretion of the sayde gouernours or bayliffes, and therupon to be sente agayne vnto his seruice: and so to be serued, as often as he shall be apprehended and conuicted in fourme aforesayde. And if any personne or personnes refuse to execute and to do the sayde punishmente, at the commaundemente of any of the sayde gouernours, aldermenne, iustices of peace, and others the sayde officers and minystrs: thenne he or they soo refusinge the same, shall be sette in the stocks by the space of two dayes, without hauinge of any other sustenance, sauynge onely breade and water.

**I**tem it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery the aforesayde mayres gouernours, aldermenne, and euery the iustices of the peace, as well within lyberties as without, shall ones in euery monethe, or oftener, if nede shall requiere, commaunde a pryute or secrete serche to be made within euery citie and warde, towne, hundred, parishe, and hamlette of this realme, in suche tyme of the nyghte and daye, as they shall thinke conuenient, to the intente that all rustelars, sturbye bacaboundes, and balyaunte beggers, and other suspecte personnes, maye be by suche meanes apprehended, taken, and ordered accordinge to the purpoze and meynynge of this presente acte, and other wyle to be bled accordynge to the lawes

shaloes of this realme. And that all and every personne and personnes obey, ayde, assist, and mainteyne from tyme to tyme, all and every the commaundementes of the sayde iustices of peace and others heed officers aforesayde, for and concernynge the makynge of all the sayd serches, and the apprehending of all and every the suspect persons aforesayd, vpon peyn to make fine for not doynge of the same, at the nexte quarter sessions, as it shalbe thought by the discretion of the maires, gouernours aldermen and iustices of peace.

Item it is enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that no person nor persons at any time after the feast of saint Iohn Baptist next comynge, shal vse kepe and maintayne any open playeng house or place for comon bowling, dising, cardynge, clothe, tenys, or other vnlafulfull games, takynge money for the same or other gayne, in any place of this realme, vpon peyne to forsaite fine markes for every moneth that any such vnlafulfull howses or games shal so be openly keppe vsed and maynteyned in any place within this realme, be it within libertties or without: Any graunte heretofore made to any person or persons in any wise not withstandinge.

Item it is enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, that every preacher person vicare curate of this realme, as well in al and every their sermons, collations, byddynge of the beades, as in tyme of all confessions, and at the makynge of the wylles or testaments of any persons at all times of the yere, shal exhort, moue, stirre, and prouoke people to be liberal and boynfully to extend their good and charytable almes and contriutions frome tyme to tyme, for and towarde the comfort and reliefe of the said poore, impotent, decrepitate, indigent, and neddy people, as for the setting and keping to continual worke and labour of the foresayd ruffelers, sturdy vacaboundes, and valiant beggers, in every cite, warde, towne, hundrede, and parishe of this realme, as well within lybertties as without.

Item it is enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that if any of the aforesayd ruffelers, sturdy vacaboundes, and valpaunte begges, after such tyme as they haue ben ones apprehended, taken, whynned, and sente vnto any cite, warde, towne, hundred, or parishe, by any iustice of peace, maire, constable, baylyffe, or any other the kynges officers and ministers, happen to wander, lopter, or idelly to vse them selves, and playe the vacabondes, and willingly absente them selves from suche labour and occupacion, as he or they shal be appointed vnto within any cite, warde, towne, hamlet, hundred, or parishe, wherunto he or they haue ben appoynted in maner & forme aforesayde: that then he or they being escones apprehended & taken of suspicious of idelnes in any priuey serches aforesayde or otherwise, shal be broughte before the next iustice of peace: and vpon due examinations & pfoe of the continuance of his sayd loptinge, wandryng in idelnes, or vacabuncy, shal be escones not onely whynned agayne, and sent into the cite, warde, towne, hundred, or parishe, wherunto he was fyrste appoynted, but also shal haue the upper parte of the gryselle of his ryghte eare cleane cutte of: soo as hit maye appere for a perpetuall token after that tyme, that he hath benne a contem-

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nour of the good order of the comon welthe. And that every constable of the parishe, with the assistance of the mosse substantiall of every suche parishe, where any such ruffeler or vacabund shal happen thus to be taken, shal do or cause to be done this present execution, as wel in whippingng as in cutting of the said upper gristell of the eare of every suche ruffeler or sturby vacabunde or valiant begger, vpon payne to lese and forsaite fyue markes, for every time that he shal refuse to do or cause to be done the same executiō: & al & singular inhabitants of the said citie, warde, towne, hundrede, or parishe shal assiste & aide y<sup>e</sup> said constables in executiō of the premisses to the best of their power with good diligēce, & without contradictiō, vpon the payne aforesaid.

**I**tem it is further enacted by thautozitie aforesayd, that if any ruffeler or sturby vacabunde, or valiant begger, not hauinge the upper parte of the ryght eare, and beinge cutte of, as is aforesayde, happen to be apprehended & taken in or at any priuile serche, as aforesayde, at any other tyme wandryng in idelnes, in or without any citie, warde, towne, parishe, or hamlet, within this realme, wherunto he or they haue ben assigned, and dewely produced before any Justice of peace, that he or they haunte ydelnes, and hath not applyed, nor doth not applye suche labours as he or they haue ben assigned vnto, or be not in seruice with any maister: that then he or they so taken marked and hauinge the upper parte of the ryght eare cutte of, as is aforesayde, shal be by any of the said iustices of peace sente vnto the nexte gaole, there to remain without bayle or maynprie vntil the nexte quarter sessions, and there to be indited of wandryng loytryng and idelnes, and shal be arraigned of the same. And if he or they shal happen to be founde guilty by verdict confession or otherwise, of for and vpon the same continuall loytryng and idelnes: then every suche sturby vacabunde, & valiant begger, so founde guilty and condemned, shal haue iugement to suffer peines and executiō of deeth, as a felon, and as enemies of the comon welth, and to lose and forsaite al their lands & goodes as felons do in al other causes within this realme.

**I**tem it is enacted by thautozitie aforesayd, that the knyght marshal for the tyme beinge, shal haue full power & auctozitie by vertu of this present acte, to serche do & put in due & playne execution al and every the contentes as well of the foresayd former acte as of this present acte, & of & vpon al such ruffelers sturby vacabundes, and valiant beggers men and women, as in any wise shal frequent hunt or loyter masterles & out of seruice, in & aboute the court, where so euer the kinges highnes chaunce to be resiaunt with his most honozable household in any place of this realme.

**A**nd for the aduoiding of al such inconueniēces and infections as often tyme haue and dayly do chaunce amonge the people by comen and open doles, and that most comonly vnto suche doles many persones do resorte, whiche haue no neede of the same: It is therfore enacted by the auctozitie aforesayd, that no maner of person or persons shal make or cause to be made any suche common or open dole; or shal gyue any redy money in almesse, otherwise than to the common boxes, and common gatherynge in every citie, towne,



towne, hundrede, parishe, and hamblette, to and for the puttinge in playne and dewe executyon of all and euerye the good and vertuous intentes and purposes conteyned in this presente acte, vppon payne to lose and forseyte tenne tymes the value of all suche redy money as shall be giuen in almes, contrarie to the tenour and purpoze of the same. And that euery personne and persones of this realme, bodies polytyke, corporate, and others, that be bounde or charged yerly, monethly, or wekely, to geue or to distribute any redy mony, breade, vitayl, or other sustentation to pooze peple in any place within this realme, shall from the feast of Michellmas next comminge, geue and distribute the same mony, or the value of all suche breade, vitaylle, or sustentation vnto suche common bores, to the entent the same maye be employed, towarde the relievinge of the sayd pooze, neddy, sicke, soze, and indigent persons, and also towarde the settinge in worke of the sayde sturdy & idell baraboundes and balaunte beggers: and euery of the sayd personne and persons, bodies polytyke, corporate, and others, shall be clerely discharged againste all and euery other person and personnes of and for all maner of bondes or grauntes, what so euer they be, for makyng of any of the same common doles, or others the foresayde distributions at any tyme of the yere: so as the money & true value of the same be giuen vnto the bores, towarde the common almes & reliefe of the pooze people, in fourme afoze sayde.

And to thentent that the money gathered towarde the reliefe of pouertie, as is abouesayd, shall be employed & conuerted to suche charitable vses and behofes, by this presente acte be lymitted, and no part therof to be misused by suche as shall haue the colection therof: It is therfoze ordeyned and enacted by the auctozite afozesayd, that the churche wardens of euery paryshe, callynge vnto them syxe or foure of theyr honest neyghbours, shall haue full power & auctozitie euery quarter of the yere, or oftener by their discretions, to commande euery suche collectour to appere befoze them, and to rendze & yelde accompt of all summes of money as by them shall be gathered, and howe & in what maner it was employed. And if vpon any accompt it shall be seen, perceyued, or founde, that any suche collectour hath not conuerted nor employed the money by hym gathered to suche vses and intentes, as be lymitted by this acte, or to haue imbecilled any parte therof: that then euerye suche offendour shall be attached & apprehended by them, befoze whom he so shall make accompt, and shall immediatly be brought befoze a iusticier of peace, if it be in any shire: or befoze hys maire or baylyfe, if it be in cite, borough, or towne corporate, whiche iusticier, mayre or baylyffes, shall cause euerye suche offendour to be comitted to warde and prison, there to remayne vnto suche tyme as he shall haue fully restozed and payed to the collectours of the sayde almes within the parishe wher he sod offended, all suche sommes of money, as by him shall so be imbeciled, conuerted, or employed to other vses or intentes, then by this acte be lymitted: And also tyll he shall haue payed syxe shillinges. viii. d. for a penaltie, to be conuerted, employed, & distributed to the vses and intentes specified and declared in this acte.

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**¶** AND it is ordered by thautozitie aforesaid, & the person, vicar, or parische priest, or some other honest man of every parische of this realme, without takyng or demaunding any thinge for the same, shall kepe a booke of rekeninge, and therein shall entre, write, & make mention from time to time, in one place or parte of the booke, as wel of all and every suche sommes of money as shall be gadered by the charitable almes of the inhabitantes of every of the same parishes, as to make mention in one oither place of the same booke, how, vpon whom, and in what wise any parte of the same money shall be spent: And so from yere to yere, from one yere to an other yere, he shall kepe a newe booke, the booke to be bought and payde for by the constable and churche wardens for the tyme beinge, of the common collections, and alwayes shall remayne in the custody of two or thre of them, or of some other indifferente man, by their consentes, and not with the personne, vicar, or parische priest.

**¶** Item it is ordered by the sayd auctozitie, that two or thre tymes in every weke, two or thre of every parische within cities and townes corporate, by the assignement & appointmēt of the mayre, aldermen, gouernour, bailiffe, or constable, some in one weke, and some an other weke, shall name and appoynte certayne of the sayde pooze people, founde of the common almes, to collecte and gather broken meates and fragmentes, and the refuse drynke of every householder within every suche parische, whiche shall be by their discretions distributed euenly among the pooze people, founde of the said common almes, as they by their discretions shall thynke good.

**¶** Item it is ordered by the sayde auctozitie, that al & every bailiffe, constable, churchwardens, or others the collectours of the sayde almes, which shall at any tyme forbeare their owne busynesse and labour, and shall trauayle or take any paynes in and about the execution of any parte of this present act, shall haue and take for his and their so doinge such competent wages of the money of the said comon collections, as by the discretion of the maire, aldermen, gouernour, baylyffe, or iustices of peace, and others of the parische, shall bethought good and reasonable, whiche shall be appoynted vnto them from tyme to tyme, alwayes at the makinge of their accomptes befoze the hole parische aforesayde.

**¶** Item the moneye of all and every the foresayde free and charitable collections, shall be kepte in the comon coffre or boxe, standynge in the church of every parische, or elles shall be comitted vnto the handes and lause custody of any other suche good and substanciall trusty man, as they cane agree vpon, where they shall thynke it alwayes sure and safe, and where it may be surely deliuered vnto the vles befoze exprested from tyme to tyme, as necessitie shall require, makynge alwaies mention therof in two seuerall places of the said booke, as hit is befoze declared, as often tymes as any parte thereof shall be spent or gathered.

**¶** Item it is ordered by the sayde auctozitie, that the inhabitantes of every parische of this realme, shall begyn to make the foresayde free, charitable, and godly collections and gatherynge in every sonday and holy day nexte after

after the day of saynt John Baptist next commynge, and so shal contynue yerele vnto the last day of the next parlyament. And euery partye making default, and not puttynge all and euery the premisses in due and perfect execution: accordynge to theyr power, behauiours, and discretions, shal lose & forsaue .xx.s. for euery moneth, in whiche it is omittred and vndone. And all Iustices of peace, in euery countie and libertie of this realme, shal haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this presente act, to enquire, here, order, and determyne all and euery the premisses, in maner fourme and to all intentes, as hit is befoze declared.

**¶ FINALLY** it is ordeyned, enacted, and establisshed by the auctorite afoze sayd, that this present acte shal begyn to take effecte, & to be put in execution with the forsaide former acte, the moze after the day of saynt Myghel the archangeln exte comynge, and shal contynue vnto the last day of the next parlyamente. And that the one moztie of all and euery the forsaitures afoze sayde, shalbe to thuse of the common boxe, to the reliefe of the poze, decrepited, sycke and indigent & impotent people being within any citie, towne, hundred or parisshe, where any such offence is committed: and the other moztie to him or them that wyl sue for the same by byl action of det playnt or otherwile in any courtie of recorde, or courtie baron of this realme, in whiche action noo wager of lawe, essoyne, or protection shalbe allowed.

**¶** Prouyded alwayes, that this present acte shal not be hurtful or prejudiciall vnto any person or persons for gyuing or sendynge of any redy money, or of any fragmēttes or broken intate or drinke vnto any person or persons, inhabyted within the parisshe, where he dwellyth, or to any persons, but that they and euery of them, of their charite, may vse, sende, order, geue, and dispose the same to any personne or persones afozesayde, as they wol the selves, either within their owne houses, or elles where: any thing contayned in this present acte to the contrarie in any wyse not withstandynge.

**¶** And be it further enacted by auctorite afozesayd, that they whiche by the auctorite of this acte, shal cause the eares of any offender to be cutte of, in forme befoze mctioned, shal certifie in wrytyng endented vnder their seales at the nexte generall sessions of the peace, that shal be kepte in any citie, towne, borough, or shire, vnto the clerke of the peace of the same citie, towne, or shire, the names of all suche as shal fortune to haue theyr eares cutte of, for the causes befoze sayde, & of the tyme and place of doyng of the same. And if they faile & make default this to do by the space of one moneth, that then they shal forsaue for euery moneth soo offendynge, forty shyllinges.

**¶** And be it further enacted by auctorite afozesayde, that no church wardene, collectour or collectours of any the forsaide charitable almes, shal contynue in his or theyr sayd offices & rowmes aboue the space of one hole yere. And that in al cities, boroughes, townes, and parisshes of this realme, the ouerplus of all & all maner of collections of the tythe & welth parisshes, within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontakes frome tyme to tyme, shal be ordeyned and distributed to, and



towarde the sustentation of the charges of other poore parishes, nere and within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontakes, by the discretion from tyme to tyme of the Mayor, Aldermen, bayliffes, gouernours, Iustices of peace & high constable of the same. **P**rovided alwayes, that in suche cities, townes, hundredes, wapontakes, lathes, rapes, ridinges, tythinges, hamlettes, & parishes, where the voluntary and unconstrained almesse & charitie of the parishens or people, whiche by this acte shalbe contributorye to suche almesse, and with suche money, as shalbe added and giuen to the same from any monasteries or other persons, bodies politicke, corporate, or other, wol not suffice to the sustentacion of the poore, nedie, and indigent people being within the lymittes of suche contribution, neyther the mayres, aldermen, shryffes, bayliffes, constables, or other heed officers, howseholders, ministers, or inhabitants of the same in particular, ne also the hole of them in generall, shall incurre or tene in to the said forsaiture, danger, or penaltie of .xx.s. for every monethe, ne any of them to be constreyned to any suche certayne contribution, but as their free willes and charyties shall extende, other wise than that the personnes therunto appointed by this acte, shal well and trewely distribute, according to the purpose of the same, the sayd charitie and almes, that shal com to their handes of voluntary gyfte, vpon the penalties in this acte for the same provided: any clause, sentence, or wordes in the same acte beyng or founden to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

**P**rovided also, it shall be lefull to all noble men & other keepynge houses, theyr anners, seruantes, officers, and ministers, to geue in almes the fragmentes or broken meate or drinke of the same, as wel to poore and indigente people of other parishes, as of the same parishes, where suche house is kepte: any thinge in this acte, or in any prouision of the same to the contrary not withstandinge.

**P**rovided further moze, that seruinge men departinge from their seruice by lycence, wyll, death, or exclusion of theyr lord, lady, mayster or maistresse, hauynge of the same their lord, ladye, maister or maistresse letters, or in case of their deathe other sufficiente pfose, testifienge the daye of theyr exclusion or departure from suche seruice, shall not incurre or tene in to any of the punishementes or penalties comprisedde in this acte, for vacaboundes or sturdie beggers, within the space of oone moneth after the daye mencioned in the sayde letters, or apperynge by the sayde testimonye to be the daye of their departure from suche seruices, ne also at or after the same moneth expyred: so that by the ende of suche moneth they shal haue entered in to any seruice, or be otherwyle in labour, accordinge to the fourme and tenour of this acte.

**P**ROVIDED also that in as moche as fryers mendpantes haue byttel or nothing to lye vpon, but onely by the charitie and almesse of chrysten people: This acte therfore, ne any thinge therein conteyned, shall be prejudiciall or hurtfull vnto any personne or personnes for gyvinge of them

in generall oꝝ particuler any maner almes in money bitayle oꝝ other thinge ne also to them oꝝ any of them, foꝝ beinge oꝝ remainynge out of the places, where they were boꝝne oꝝ had their last habitation, oꝝ foꝝ passinge abrode to gather the almes and charitie of Chyristen people, oꝝ foꝝ continuance in their religyon as they haue ben accustomed to doo: this acte, oꝝ any thyng therein mencioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

**C**onveyd also, that this acte, ne any thyng therein mencioned, be hurtefull oꝝ pꝛeudyciall to any abbottes pꝛiours oꝝ other person oꝝ persons of the clergye oꝝ other, that by any meanes be bounde to gyue perelye wekelye oꝝ daily almes in money, bitayle, lodgynge, clothing, oꝝ other thyng in any monasteries almes howles hospitalles oꝝ other foundations oꝝ brotherheedes, by any good auctorite oꝝ auhent custome, oꝝ of daily charitie by keepynge of poore men, established foꝝ that purpose, ne to any person oꝝ persons foꝝ recepyng of the same, oꝝ foꝝ they abydyng in suche almes howles oꝝ hospitalles, accordynge to suche foundation: Ne also foꝝ almes in redy money oꝝ otherwise to be gyuen to maryners, oꝝ other persons that shall fortune to come oꝝ be set on lande from shippes perished oꝝ lost on the see: oꝝ to any persone that rydinge goynge oꝝ passynge by the way, shall after his oꝝ their conscience oꝝ charitie gyue money oꝝ other thyng to lame blynde oꝝ sycke aged oꝝ impotent people: any thyng in this acte to the contrary mencioned not withstandynge.

**A**n acte foꝝ lawes and iustice to be ministred in wales in lyke fourme as it is in this realme. Cap. xxvii. 26



**L**BE IT THE DOMINION pꝛincipallitie and countrey of wales iustly and rightuously is and euer hath ben incorporated annexed vnyted and subiecte to and vnder the imperiall crowne of this realme; as a very member and topnte of the same: wherfoꝝe the kynges mooste roiall maiestie of mere dꝛout and very ryght, is very heed kyng loꝝde and ruler. Yet not withstandynge, bycause that in the same countrey pꝛincipallitie and dominion diuers rightes, blages, lawes, and customes, be farre discrepant from the lawes and customes of this realme, and also bycause that the people of the same dominion haue and doo daily vse a speche nothyng lyke ne consonant to the naturall mother tonge vsed within this realme, some rude and ignorant people haue made distinction and diuersitie betwene the kynges subiectes of this realme, and his subiectes of the said dominion and pꝛincipallitie of wales, wherby great discorde variance debate diuision murmur and sedycyon hath growen betwene his sayde subiectes: His highnes therfoꝝe, of a synguler zeale, loue, and fauour, that he beareth towarde his subiectes of his sayde dompnation of wales, myndinge and intending to reduce them to the perfecte order notice and knowlege of his lawes of this his realme, and utterly to extirpe all and synguler the synnfull blages and customes

comes differpnge frome the same, and to bypnye his sayde subiectes of this his realme, and of his sayd dominion of wales to an amiable concord and unitie, hath by deliberate aduise consent and agreement of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeyned enacted and stablished, that his sayd countrey or dominion of wales shall be stonde & continue for euer from henceforth incorporated, united, and annexed to & with this his realme of England. And that al & singuler person and persons, bozne & to be bozne in the sayd p[ri]ncipalitie cōtray or dominion of wales, shall haue enioy and inherite all and singuler fredomes, liberties, rightes, priuileges, and lawes within this realme and other the kinges dominions, as other the kynges subiectes naturally bozne within the same haue enioy & inherite. And that all and synguler person and persones inheritable to any manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions seruitces or other hereditamentes, whiche shall discede after the feast of al saintes nexte cōming, within the sayd p[ri]ncipalitie contray or dominion of wales, or within any perticuler lordshipp part or parcel of the sayd countrey or dominion of wales, shall for euer from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes, inherite & be inheritable to the same manoures landes tenementes rētes reuertions & hereditamentes after the englyshe tenure without diuision or partion, & after the forme of the lawes of this realme of Englande, & not after any tenure ne after the forme of any welthe lawes or customes: And that the lawes ordynances and statutes of this realme of england for euer, & none other lawes ordynances ne statutes from and after the sayd feast of al sayntes next cōmyng, shall be had, vsed, practised and executed in the said countrey or dominion of wales and euery parte therof, in lyke maner forme and order, as they ben and shall be had vsed practised and executed in this realme: and in suche lyke maner & forme, as hereafter by this acte shall be further establyshed and ordeined: any acte statute vylage custome president liberte priuilege or other thinge, had made vsed graunted or suffered to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

¶ And for as moche as there be many & diuers lordships marchers within the sayde countrey or dominion of wales, lyenge betwene the shires of Englande, and the shires of the sayde countrey or domynion of wales, and beinge no parcell of any other shires, whete the lawes and due correction is vsed and hadde: by reason wherof hathe ensued and hathe benne practised perpetuated committed and done within and amonge the sayd lordshippes and countreys to them appoyninge, manifolde and dyuers detestable murders, byrennyng of houses, robberies, theftes, trespasses, robbes, ryottes, vnlawfull assemblies, embraceries, mayntenaunces, recepyng of felons, oppressions, raptures of the peare, and many folde other malefactes, contrary to all lawes and iudice: And the sayde offenders therupon makynge theyr refuge from lordshippes to lordshyppe, were and continued without punishment or correction: For due reformation wherof, and for as moche as diuers and many of the sayde lordshippes marchers be now in the handes

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and possession of our soueraygne lord the kynge, and the smallest number of them in the possession of other lordes, it is therfore enacted by thautortie aforesayd, that dyuers of the sayd lordshippes marchers shall be united, annexed, and ioyned to dyuers of the shires of england: and dyuers of the sayd lordshippes marchers shall be united, annexed, & ioyned to diuers of the shires of the sayd contrey of dominyon of wales, in maner & forme hereafter following. And that al the residue of þ sayde lordshippes marchers, within the sayd countrey of dominyon of wales, shall be seuered & diuided in to certeyn particular countie or shires: that is to saye, the countie of shire of Monmouth, the countie of shire of Brekenoke, the countie of shire of Radnor, the countie of shire of Houtgometre, the countie of shire of Denbigh. And that the lordshippes, townships, parishes, comotes, & cantredes of Monmouth, Chepstowe, Matherne, Hamphangel, Magour, Golbeciffe, Newporte, Wenlloge, Manwerne, Caerlton, Uske, Trelecke, Tinterne, Skynfeth, Gconsmont, wite castel, Reglan, Calycote, Bilton, Abergenenny, Berruse, Greenfelde, Maghen, and Hochuplade in the sayd countrey of wales: and all and singuler honours, lordshippes, castles, manoures, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyng or being within the compas or precinct of the sayd lordshippes, townships, hamlettes, parishes comotes, & cantredes, & euery of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shall stonde and be from & after the sayd feast of all saintes godelable, & shall be reputed, accepted, named, and taken as parte & membres of the said shire of Monmouth. And that the sayde towne of Monmouth shall be named, accepted, reputed, vled, had, and taken heed & shire towne of the said countie of shire so Monmouth. And that the shireffes countie of Myre court, of and for the said shire and countie of Monmouth, shall be holden & kept one tyme at the sayde towne of Monmouth, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Newporte in the same countie of shire, and soo to be kepte in the same two townes alternis vicibus, and accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande for euer, and in none other places.

¶ And it is further enacted by thautortie aforesayde, that all actions realles, that hereafter shall be conueyed, perpetrated, or sued for any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any other thinge within the sayd countie of shire of Monmouth, and all actions personals, within the same shire or countie, of the summe of .xl.s. or aboue, and all actions mixte, shall be sued by originall writte out of the kynges hygh court of Chancerie in Englande, and herbe determynd and tryed before the kynges iustices in Englande, or by Iurye, or Iurye prius within the sayd countie of Monmouth, in such lyke maner fourme and wise, as all other actions realles personals and actions mixte be sued hard determynd and tried in or for any shire of this realme of Englande. And that the kynges iustices of his benche, or of his common benche at westm, shall haue full power and auctoritie to directe all maner processe to the shireff & al other officers of the said countie of Monmouth: and also to directe writtes of Venire factas, to the same shireff for trial of euery

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every issue joined before them: and also to awarde commissions of *Assi pñus* into the sayd countie of *Mommouth*, for the triall of suche issues joined before them, in like maner and forme as they do into every shire of this realme of England. And all and every the kynges subiectes & inhabitantes within the said countie of *Mommouth*, shalbe for ever from and after the said feast of all sayntes, obliged and bounden to be obedient and attendant to the lord chauncellour of Englande, the kynges iustices, and other of the kynges mooste honorable counsaile, and vnto all lawes, customes, ordynances and statutes of this realme of Englande, in lyke maner fourme and wyse, as all other the kynges subiectes within every shire of this realme of Englande be obliged and bounden, any act statute vslage custome libertie priuilege, or any other thinge to the contrary in any wise not withstandynge. And that the sherriffe of the saide countie shal holde plee of replegiare, & al other suites and playntes vnder. xl. s. in his countie or shire court, in lyke maner and fourme as all other sherriffes do wythin this realme of Englande. And that the sherriffe, eschetours, and cozoners that here after shalbe within the sayde countie or shire of *Mommouth*, shalbe obliged & bounden to execute al the kynges proseses, and to make due retournes therof, and to vse and exercise theyr offices, accoꝝdynge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande in all and every thinge, as the sherriffes eschetours & cozoners be obliged and bounden to do in al & every other shire of this realme of England. And that the sherriffe & eschetours of þe said shire or countie of *Mommouth*, that hereafter shalbe appointed by our soueraygne lord the kyng, make theyr accomptes for theyr sayd offices in the kynges eschequer in Englande, in lyke maner & fourme as other sherriffes and eschetours do within this realme of Englande, and vppon suche lyke payne and penaltye, as is vpon other sherriffes and eschetours in every other shire within this realme of Englande.

And it is enacted by thautoꝝritie aforesayde, that the lordshippes, townshippes, parishes, comotes, and cantredes of *Breckenoke*, *Crekhowel*, *Trecothre*, *Denkelly*, *Englyshe talgarth*, *welsh talgarth*, *Dynas*, *The hape*, *Glynnebogh*, *Bzopulles*, *Cantercel*, *Alādo*, *Blapullynby*, *Estrodewe*, *Buelthe*, and *Llangoys*, in the saide countrey or dominion of *walos*, and all and synghuler honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or being within the compas or pꝛecincte of the sayd lordshippes, parishes, comotes, any cantredes, or and of them, in whole possession, so ever they be or shalbe, and every parte therof, shal stand and be for ever from the sayde feast of all sayntes, gyltable: and shalbe reputed, accepted, named, and taken as partes and membyres of the sayde countie or shire of *Breckenoke*. And that the sayde towne of *Breckenoke* shal be named, accepted, reputed, vslad, had, and taken, heed and shire towne of the sayde countie or shire of *Breckenoke*. And that the shire court or countie of and for the sayde shire or countie of *Breckenoke*, shal be holden and kepte in the sayde towne of *Breckenoke*.

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And it is enacted by thauctoꝝ itte afoꝛesaid, that the lordshippes towntshippes parishes commotes and cantredes of newe Radnoze, Clifherman, Chuelles, Bonghted, Glasebery, Glawdistre, Whellis church, Heleneth, Blewagh, Knighton, Noxton, Preston, Comothuder, Rapder, Gwethyonpon, and Stanage in the sayde countrey of wales and euerye of theym, and al and singuler honours, lordshippes, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes lyeng oꝛ beinge within the compasse oꝛ pꛛecinct of the saide lordshippes towntshippes parishes commotes and cantredes oꝛ any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oꝛ shall be, and euery part therof, shall stand and be foꝛ euer from the said feast of all saintes, gyltable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as pattis and membez of the said countie oꝛ shire of Radnoze. And that the said towne of newe Radnoze shall be named accepted reputed bled had and taken head and shire towne of the said countie oꝛ shire of Radnoze. And that the shire court oꝛ countie of and foꝛ the sayde countie oꝛ shire of Radnoze, shall be holden and kepte one tyme at the said towne of newe Radnoze, and the nexte time at the towne of Racher Goye, in the same countie oꝛ shire, and so to be kepte in the same two townes *alternis vicibus* foꝛ euer, and in none other place.

And it is enacted by the auctoꝝ itte afoꝛesayde, that the lordshippes towntshippes parishes commotes and cantredes, of Mountgomerie, Bedewenker, Calwrlande, Arnsfel Kenyllock, Doythure, Powellande, Clun's lād, Balesley, Temprefter, and Alceſtre in the sayd countrey of wales, and euerye of them, and all and singuler honours, lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge oꝛ beyng within the compas oꝛ pꛛecinct of the sayd lordshippes parishes towntshippes commotes and cantredes oꝛ any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oꝛ shall be, and euerye parte therof, shall stande and befoꝛ euer, from the saide feast of all sayntes, gyltable: and shall be reputed named and taken as partes & membez of the said countie oꝛ shire of Mountgomerie. And that the said towne of Mountgomerie shall be named accepted reputed bled had and taken head and shire towne of the sayde countie of Mountgomerie. And that the countie oꝛ shire court of and foꝛ the saide countie oꝛ shire of Mountgomerie shall be holden and kepte the firste time at the saide towne of Mountgomerie, and the next time at the towne of Maghenleth in the same shire oꝛ countie and so to be kepte in the same two townes *alternis vicibus*, foꝛ euer, and in none other place.

AND ALSO IT IS enacted by the auctoꝝ itte afoꝛesayde, that the lordshippes towntshippes parishes commotes and cantredes of Denbyghlande, Ruthin, saint Tasse, Rynllethowen, Bromfylde, Yale, Chirke, and Chirkelande, Molesdale, and Hopelvale, in the saide countrey of wales, and euerye of them: and all and singuler honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge oꝛ beinge within the compas oꝛ pꛛecinct of the saide lordshippes towntshippes commotes & cantredes, oꝛ any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oꝛ shall be, & euery part therof shall



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shal stand and be for ever from þe said feast of al sayntes gyldable: & shal be reputed accepted named and take as partes and membez of the said countie of Shire of Denbygh. And that the sayde towne of Denbigh shal be named accepted reputed vled hadde and taken heed and Shire towne of the countie of Shire of Denbygh. And that the countie of Shire court of and for the sayde countie of Shire of Denbygh, shalbe holden and kepte the fyrste tyme at the sayd towne of Denbigh, and the next tyme at the towne of Woricham in the sayd Shire of countie, and so to be kept in the same two townes alternis vicibus for ever and in none other place.

¶ And for as moche as the counties of Shyres of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerie, and Denbigh be far distant from the cite of London, where the lawes of Englande be commonly vled ministred exercised and executed: and for that the inhabytantes of the sayde Shires of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerie, and Denbigh be not of substance power and abillite to trauallye out of their countreys to seke the administration of Justice, It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayde, that the kyng our souerayne lord shal haue one Chauncerie and eschequier at his castel of Brekenoke, & one other at his towne and Castell of Denbigh. And that the Shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the counties of Brekenoke and Radnoze, Mountgomerie and Denbigh, from and after the said feast of al sayntes shal be verely appoynted by our souerayne lord the kyng, for & within euery of the sayd Shires of Brekenoke Radnoze Mountgomerie & Denbigh. And that the Shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the Counties of Brekenoke and Radnoze, from and after the sayde feast of all sayntes, shal verely make their accomptes before the kynges auditours and suche chamberlayne or barone of the said Eschequier, as shal be therunto appoynted by our sayd souerayne lord the kyng, in suche like maner and fourme, as Shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes do verely make their accomptes in the kynges Eschequiere at Westmynster within this realme of England. And that the Shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the counties of Mountgomerie and Denbigh, from and after the sayde feast of all sayntes, shal verely make their accompte before the kynges auditours, and suche chamberlayne or baron of the sayde Eschequiere, as shal be therunto appoynted by our sayde souerayne lord the kyng, in suche lyke maner & fourme as Shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptautes, doo verely make their accomptes in the kynges eschequiere at Westmynster within this realme of Englande.

And that Justice shal be ministred, vled, exercysed, and executed, vnto the kynges subiectes and inhabitautes in euerye of the sayd Shyres of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerie, and Denbygh, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and accordinge to suche other customes and lawes now vled in wales afozesayde, as the kyng our souerayne lord, and his most honorable counsaile shal allowe and thinke expedient requisite and necessary by suche Justiciar or Justiciars as shal be therunto

therunto appointed by our sayde our sayne lord the kynge, and after such forme and facion, as iustice is dōd and ministered to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of North Wales

¶ And also it is enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the lordships townes parishes comotes hundredes and cantredes of Oswestre, Whetyngheton, Malbroke, Knokynge, Ellesmer, Downe, & Churbury hundred in the marches of Wales aforesaid, that euery of them, & al and singuler honours lordshyps, castelles, manours, townes, hamlettes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the compass or precinct of the said lordshyps, townes, parishes, comotes, hundredes, and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shall stand & be for euer, from and after the said feast of all saintes gyldeable and shalbe vnited annexed and ioined to and with the countie of Salop, as a membze parte or parcel of the same. And that the saide lordshyps of Oswestre, Whetyngheton, Malbroke, and Knokynge, with theyr members, shall be taken, named, and knowen, by the name of the hundred of Oswestre, in the countie of Salop: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunt and do euery thyng and thynges at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes doo within the sayde countie of Salop, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshyppe of Ellesmer, with the members of the same, shall be vnited, ioined, and knytte to the hundred of Pymhill in the countie of Salop: and shall be taken named and knowen to be partel of the same hundred: and the inhabitauntes therof shal be attendaunt, and do euery thyng and thynges with the inhabitauntes of the sayd hundred of Pymhill, as the inhabitauntes of the same hundred now do and be, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshyppe of Downe, with the members, shalbe vnited ioined & knytte to the hundred of Churbury in the countie of Salop: and that the inhabitauntes of the sayd hundred of Churbury and lordshyppe of Downe, shal be attendaunte to doo euery thyng and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the sayde countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the said countie of Salop accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the sayde hundred of Churbury after the sayde feast of all saintes, nor the said hundred of Oswestre, nor yet the lordshyppe of Ellesmere, shall be in no wise other wise prauiledged, nor haue no other lybertye nor prauiledge, but as hundredes vnited annexed and knytte to the sayde countie of Salop, as other hundredes be within the saide countie.

¶ And that the lordshyps, townes, parishes, comotes, hundredes, and cantredes of Ewras lacy, Ewras harold, clifforde, Wynforston, Yerdeley, Wuntyngheton, Wymtney, Wymgoze, Logharneys, and Stepulton, in the sayd marches of Wales, and euery of them: And all and singuler honours lordshyps castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyng



or bringe within the compas or p̄cinte of the sayde lordshippes townes  
parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose pos-  
session so euer they be or shalbe, and every p̄ttherof, shall stande and be  
for euer, from and after the sayde feast of all sayntes gyldeable: and shalbe  
vnyted, annered and ioined to & with the countie of Hereforde, as a membe  
p̄nte or patcell of the same countie of Hereforde. And that the lordshippes  
of Wygmore and Logharneys, with theyr membes, shall be taken named  
and knowen by the name of the hundred of Wygmore in the countie of Here-  
forde afore sayde: And that the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendante,  
and do every thinge and thynges, at every sessions assise and gaole deliue-  
rie, to be holden within the sayde countie of Hereforde, as the inhabytaun-  
tes of all other hundredes do within the sayde countie of Hereforde, accor-  
dinge to the lawes of this realme of England. And that the hole lordship  
of Ewas lacy, with the membes, shall be taken named and knowen by the  
name of the hundred of Ewas lacy within the sayde countie of Hereforde:  
And the inhabitantes therof shalbe attendant and do every thinge and thin-  
ges, at every sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the sayd  
countie of Hereforde, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do, with-  
in the sayde countie of Hereforde, accorde to the lawes of this realme of  
Englande. And that the lordshyppe of Ewas harolde with the membes,  
shall be vnyted ioined and knitte to the hundrede of webtte in the said cou-  
tie of Hereforde, and shalbe taken named & knowen to be parcell of the sayd  
hundred of webtte: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendante and  
do every thinge and thynges with the inhabytauntes of the same hundred  
of webtte, as the inhabytauntes of the same hundred nowe do, accorde to  
the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshypps of Clyf-  
forde, Wynsfoxton, Yerdelle, Whitney, and Huntynghon, with theyr mem-  
bes, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Hun-  
tynghon within the countie of Hereforde afore sayde: and that the inhaby-  
tauntes therof shalbe attendaunte & do every thynge and thynges, at eve-  
ry sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the sayde countie of  
Hereforde, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayd  
countie of Hereforde, accorde to the lawes of this realme of Englande.  
And that the sayde hundred of Wygmore, with the membes, and the sayde  
hundred of Ewas lacy, and the sayd hundred of Huntynghon, and the said  
lordship of Ewas harolde, annered vnto the hundred of webtte, after  
the sayde feast of all sayntes, shalbe in no wyse otherwyse p̄uileged, nor  
haue no other libertie fraunches ne p̄uilege: but as hundredes vnyted and  
annered to the sayde countie of Hereforde, and as other hundredes be with-  
in the sayde countie of Hereforde.

AND THAT the lordshippes townes and parishes of Mollaston,  
Cidnam, and Bechelepe, in the sayde marches of wales, and all honours  
lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, ly-  
inge or beynge betwene Chepstowe bydge in the sayde marches of wales,  
and



& Gloucestre shire, in whose possessiō so ever they be oꝝ shalbe, & every parte therof, shal stand and be gildable from and after the said feast of al saintes, and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the saide countie oꝝ shire of Glouc. as a membre parte oꝝ pcell of the same. And that the sayde lordshippes towne and parishes of Woolaston, Tidnam, and Bechely, and al honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge oꝝ beinge betwene Chepstowe bridge and the shire of Glouc. as is aforesaid, shalbe vnited ioined and knit to the hundred of welebery with in the sayde shire of Gloucester, and shal be taken named and knowen to be parte and parcell of the same hundred: and the inhabytantes therof shalbe attendant and do every thinge and thinges with the inhabytantes of the sayd hūdyed of welebery, as the inhabytantes of the same hūdyed now do accordyng to the lawes of this realme of englād. And ꝑ the sayd lordshippes of Woolaston, Tidnam, and Bechely, after the said feast of al saintes shalbe in no wise privileged, noꝝ have no other lybertie franchises ne privilege, but as parcell of the sayd hundred of welebery in the sayde countie of Gloucestre.

¶ And that the lordshippes towne parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Gowerkpluey, bisschops towne, Landasse, Syngthynthe supꝑ: Syngthynthe subꝑ: Wiskin, Ogmore, Clynerioheney, Callagarne, Ruchien, Callauan, Lanbierthpan, Lantwid, Ceryall, Auan, Aethe, Landewey, & the Claps in the saide countrey of wales and every of them: and al honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, liinge oꝝ beinge within the compas oꝝ precinct of the said lordshippes, towne, parishes, cōmotes, hundredes, and cantredes, oꝝ any of them, in whose possession so ever they be oꝝ shal be, and every parte therof shal stande and be gildable foꝝ ever from and after the said feast of all sayntes, and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Glamorgan, as a membre parte oꝝ parcell of the same. And that the sayd shire of Glamorgan & Morgannoke, & al the aforesaid lordshippes towne parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes, vnited & annexed to the said countie of Glamorgan, shal from & after the said feast of al saintes, be reputed named accepted & knowen by ꝑ name of the shire of Glamorgan onely, and by none other name. And ꝑ fro and after the said feast of al sayntes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabytantes of the sayde countie of Glamorgan accordyng to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of England, and after no welthe lawes: and in suche fourme and facion as iustice is ministred & bled to the kinges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordshippes towne parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Lanemthe very, Abermerlele, Redwely, Elhemynng, Cothwolthion, Newecastell, Emlyn, Abergoyle, in the sayde countrey of Wales and every of them: and all honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, lyeng oꝝ beinge within the compas oꝝ precinct of the sayd lordshippes towne parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes oꝝ any of the in whose possession so ever they be oꝝ shalbe, & every parte therof shal stand & be gildable

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be gildable for ever, from & after the said feast of al saintes: & shalbe vnited annexed and iopned to and with the countie of Kapermerthen, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And that from & after the said feast of al sayntes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Kaermerden, accordinge to the lawes customes & statutes of this realme of England, and after no welthe lawes, and in such fourme & facion as iustice is ministred & bled to the kinges subiectes, with in the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordships towne parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Hanerfordwest, Kilgarran, Llasteffan, Laugeharne otherwise called Tellaugherne, Malwynscastell, Dewys land, Lannehadepn, Lansey, Herberth, Blebepche, Rosemarkette, Castellau, and Llandofloure in the sayd countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lienge or beinge within the compass or precinct of the said lordshippes towne parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shal stande and be gildable for ever from and after the sayde feast of al sayntes, and shal be vnited annexed and iopned to and with the countie of Dembroke. And that from and after the sayd feast of al sayntes, iustice shalbe ministred & executed to & kinges subiectes & inhabitantes of the said countie of Dembroke, accordinge to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and after no welthe lawes: and in such fourme and facion, as iustice is ministred and bled to the kinges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordshippes towne parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Cregaron, Generglyn, Landway, Ureny in the said countrey of wales and euery of them, and al honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or being within the compass or precinct of the sayde lordships towne parishes commotes hundredes & cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be gildable for ever from & after the sayde feast of al saintes, and shalbe vnited annexed and iopned to and with the countie of Cardigan, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And & from & after the sayde feast of al sayntes iustice shal be ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Cardigan, accordinge to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, & after no welthe lawes: & in such fourme and facion as iustice is ministred and bled to the kinges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordship towne and parishes of Mowthway in the said countrey of wales, in whose possession so euer it be: and all landes tenementes & hereditamentes now lying or being within the compass or precinct of the sayde lordshyppe towne and parishes of Mowthway or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery parte therof, shal stande and be gildable for ever from & after the sayd feast of al saintes, and shal be vnited

wailes, as a commote membre part oꝝ parcel of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that all Justices, commissio-  
ners, Shireffes coroners, elchevours, sheriffes, and theiꝝ lieutenantes, and  
all other officers and ministers of the lawe, shal proclayme and kepe the ses-  
sions, courtis, hundredes, leetes, Shireffes courtis, and all other courtis, in  
the englyshe tonge: and all othes of officers, iuries, and inquestes, and all  
other affidauithes verdittes and wagers of lawe, to be giue and done in the  
englyshe tonge. And also that from henceforth no persone oꝝ personies that  
use the welthe speche oꝝ langage, shal haue oꝝ inioyn any maner office oꝝ fees  
within the realme of Englande, wailes, oꝝ other the kinges dominion, up-  
pon paine of forfaytynge the same offices oꝝ fees, unless he oꝝ they vse and ex-  
ercise the speche oꝝ langage of englyshe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that hit shal  
be lesfulle to the Shireffe of everie of the foresayde shires of Hommouth,  
Breckenoke, Radnoꝝ, Mountgomerie, and Denbrygh, and everie of  
them, to putte every mysruled and suspecte persone within theiꝝ shires-  
waile, vnder common mainpryse and suretie of theiꝝ personall apparance,  
as the Shireffes do within every of the theiꝝ shires of North wailes. And that  
the recognisances of such common mainpryse and suretie of apparance, take  
before any of the sayde Shireffes, shalbe as good and effectuell, as if it were  
taken by any Justice of recorde. And that the Shireffe of the countie of Ho-  
mouth, shal certifie such recognisances, common mainpryse, oꝝ suretie of ap-  
parance at every quarter sessions, before the Justices of peace of the sayde  
countie of Hommouth. And that every person and persons, within the said  
countie of Hommouth, put vnder common mainpryse, & bound to his per-  
sonal apparance, shal kepe theiꝝ personall apparance at the sessions holden  
within the sayde shire of Hommouth, nexte after the clause of Easter, and  
at the sessions to be holden within the sayd shire nexte after the feast of saint  
Michael the archangell, vntyll suche tyme that they be therof relefed after  
the fourme of the lawe. And that every of the Shireffes of the sayde counties  
of Brekenoke, Radnoꝝ, Mountgomerie, and Denbrygh, and every of them,  
shal certifie suche recognisances, common mainpryse oꝝ suretie of apparance  
by them taken, before suche Justice as shalbe apoynted by our soueraigne  
lord the kynge within every of the said shires at every sessions to be holden  
in any of the sayde shires before the same Justice.

¶ And that every persone and persones within the said counties of Breke-  
noke, Radnoꝝ, Mountgomerie, and Denbrygh: And also within the aboue  
named counties of Glamorgan, Kermerden, Pembroke, and Cardigan, oꝝ  
any of them, put vnder common mainpryse, and bound to his oꝝ theiꝝ perso-  
nall apparance, as wel by the foresaid Shireffes, as by the Justices of any of  
the sayd counties: shal kepe theiꝝ apparances before the said Justices at e-  
very sessions within the sayd counties to be holden in suche lyke maner and  
fourme, as is vsed in the theiꝝ shires of North wailes.

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And for that y<sup>e</sup> lordes marchers before this present parliament haue bled to put their tenants within their lordships marchers vnder suche common maynprie and suretie of apparance, and haue had the forsaithures therof whiche for ever from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes shall utterly cease and determine: Therfore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that after the sayd feast of all sayntes, every lay and temporall person now beinge a lord marcher, shall haue the moortie or halfe of every forsaithure of al and every common maynprie, recognisance for the peace, or apparance forsaithed by any of their tenants, inhabitinge within any of they lordshippes marchers: and they to be payde the same moortie or halfe by the handes of the shyreffe of every of the saide counties, where suche forsaithures shall be, if the shyreffe can leuie the same: and the same shyreffe to accompte to our souerayne lord the kynge for the other halfe or moortie, in suche eschequies as they be accomptant.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that immediately vpon the prorogation or dissolution of this present parlyament the lord chauncellour of Englande shall directe the kinges comission vnder his graces great seale, to suche persons as to hym shall be thought conueniente, to enquire and viewe all the sayde shyres of Bermerden, Denbroke, Cardigan, Pembrok, Brekenoke, Radnoze, Monitgomerie, Glomorgan, & Denbigh, and every parte and parcell of them; and vpon such viewe and serche, to diuide them & every of them into so many hundredes, as they shall thinke most meetest and conueniente: And the hundredes so diuided, shall retourne and certifie with the sayde comission into the hygh Court of Chauncery before the sayde feast of all sayntes, and the same to remaine of Record, and to be of suche force and effecte, as hit were by acte of parlyamente. And that the sayde hundredes, after the sayde Certificate, shall be bled and taken, as other hundredes be in every other shyre within this realme of Englande.

Furthermoze it is enacted by chauctoritie aforesayde, that immediately after the prorogation or dissolution of this present parlyamente, the lord chauncellour of Englande shall directe the kinges comission vnder his graces great seale to suche persons as to him shall be thought conueniente, to enquire and serche out by all wayes and meanes that they came, all and singular lawes, blages, and customes, bled within the sayde dominion and countrey of wales: and the same shall retourne and certifie to the kynes highnes and his most honourable counsaile before the said feast of all sayntes nexte commynge: and that vpon deliberate aduise therof hadde and taken, all suche lawes, blages, & customes, as the kinges highnes & his said most honorable counsaile shall thinke expedient requisite and necessarye to be had bled & exercised in the before rehersed shires or any of them, or in any other shire of the dominion or countrey of wales, shall stande and be of full strength vertue and effecte, and shall be for ever inuolably obserued hadde bled and executed in the same shires, as if this acte hadde neuer ben had ne made

made: any thinge in the same acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by thautortite aforesaid, that for this presente parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, two knyghtes shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamente for the shire of Dommouth, and one burges for the borough of Dommouth, in lyke maner forme and order, as knyghtes and burges of the parlyament be elected and chosen in all other shires of this realme of Englande: And that the same knyghtes and burges shall haue like dignitie preeminence & priuilege, and shall be allowed suche fees, as other knyghtes and burges of the parlyament haue benne allowed: And the knyghtes fees to be leuied percepued recepued gathered and paid in suche maner forme and order, as suche fees be gathered leuied percepued recepued and payed in other shires of this realme of Englande: And the burges fees to be leuied as wel within the burgh of Dommouth, as within al other ancient burghes within the sayde shire of Dommouth.

¶ And that for this present parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, one knyghte shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamentis for euerye of the shires of Wykenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerey, and Denbrygh, and for euery other shire within the sayde countrey or dominion of Wales, and for euery borough, being a shire towne within the sayd countrey or dominion of Wales, except the shire towne of the aforesaid countie of Merconeth, one burges: And the election to be in lyke maner forme and order, as knyghtes and burges of the parlyamente be elected and chosen in other shires of this realme: And that the knyghtes and burges and euery of them, shall haue like dignitie preeminence and priuilege, and shall be allowed suche fees as other knyghtes of the parlyament haue and be allowed: And the knyghtes fees to be leuied and gathered of the commons of the shire that they be elected in: and the burges fees to be leuied and gathered as wel of the boroughes and shire townes as they be burges of: as of all other ancient boroughes within the same shire.

¶ And it is further enacted by thautortite aforesaid, that al and euery lay and tempozall person and persones now beinge lordes marchars, and hauinge any lordships marchers, or lordships rials, shall from and after the sayde feast of all sayntes, haue all suche myses and profites of their tenants, as they haue had or vsed to haue at the first entree into their landes in tymes past: And also shall haue holde and kepe within the precincte of their lordships, courtis baron, Court leetes, and lawdaies, and al and euery thing to the same courtes belonginge. And also shall haue within the precincte of their sayde lordshypps or lawday, wayfe, straife, Infanthes, outlanthes, treasure troues, deobandes goodes and cattals of felons, and of persones condemned or outlawed of felony or murder: put in exigent for felony or murder: & also wyke de mer, wharfage, and customes of strangers, as they haue had in tymes past, and as though suche priuileges were granted vnto them

them by our soueraygne lord the kynge by poynte of charter: any thyng in this present acte to the contrarie not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided alway, that this present acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned shall take away or derogate any lawes blages or lawdable customes now bled within the thre shyres of Northewales: nor shall not depriue nor take away the holle libertties of the Duchie of Lancaster, but that the sayd lybertties shal continue and be bled in every lordshipp parcell of the sayde Duchie within the dominion or countrey of wales, as the lybertties of the said Duchie be bled in shyre grounde, and not countie palantyne within this realme of Englande.

**¶** Provided also that this act nor any thing therein conteyned do not extend nor be prejudicial to any persō or persons to auoyde any patent, toynt patent of any office fees annuities or tenetio of any office fees or annuities to them graunted for terme of their lyfe or liues by our soueraigne lord the kynge, or by any other person or persons, other for the byng exercising or occupying of any maner office, or otherwise, but that they shall haue and enioye the sayd fees, and all other offices of constablershippes, portershippes, stewardshippes of leetes, lawedayes, courte barons, and other offices, beyng not repugnaunte againste this acte: And in case any such offices be repugnaunt agaynst this acte: that then the grauntees to haue and enioy their fees, or tynge their lyfe or liues: any article or clause in this present acte to the contrary in any wise not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided also, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the ryghte honourable Henry erle of Worcester, for the exercising vsing & occupying of the office of the iustice of the hole countie of Glamorgan, any thyng in this present acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided also that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, extend not to depriue take away or derogate any other actes befoze this tyme made for the triall of treason murder or felonies or accessaries of the same, committed and done in any lordshipp marchet in wales, or in the next shires of Englande adioynynge to the sayde lordshipp marchet.

**¶** Provided alway, that landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyenge in the sayde countrey and dominion of wales, whiche haue bene bled tyme out of minde by the lawdable customes of the sayde countrey, to be departed and departable amonge issues and heires males, shal styll so continue and be bled in lyke fourme facion and condition, as if this acte had neuer ben hadde nor made, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

**¶** Provided also and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the kynges hyghnes, notwithstanding this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall haue power and auctoritie for the terme of thre yeres next after the ende & dissolucion of this presente parliament, to suspende for suche tyme as shall please his grace, or utterly to repeale reuoke and abrogate this hole acte, or any



any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as shall stande with his most gracious pleasure, so that every suche suspendyng repeale and reuocation from tyme to tyme, as often as any suche case shall happen, shall be made in wytyng vnder the greate seale of Englande, and be annexed to the rolle of this present parlyament, wherein this acte shall be enrolled, and proclamations thereupon to be made in every shire within the said countrey & dominion of wales. And that every such suspendyng repeale and reuocation so to be hadde and made by the kynges highnes, shall be as good and effectuell to all intentes and purposes, as if the same hadde be doone by auctoritie of this presente parlyamente; this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And where by this presente acte there is appoynted one Chauncerie and one eschequire at Brekenoke; and an other chancerie and eschequire at Denbigh, it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges highnes from tyme to tyme within the terme of fyue yerres next after the ende of this parlyament, for due ministracion of iustice in the sayde countrey of wales, shall haue power and auctoritie to erect make and ordeyne suche court or courtes, and so many courtes of record, and such and so many iustices ministers officers and clerkes, as by his highnes within the tyme of fyue yerres next after the ende of this present parlyament shall be thought sufficient and conuenient, as wel for the due execution of this act or of any thyng or thinges that shall be had done or made by auctoritie of the same, as for the good gouernaunce and rule of the saide countrey of wales.

¶ Provided alwaie, that this acte, or any thyng or thinges to be done by auctoritie therof, shall not be prejudiciall to any person or persones, whiche now haue by the kynges letters patentes any office or offices of Protototarye or clerke of the crowne in the sayd countrey & dominion of wales, but that they & every of them shall and may styl haue and vse theyr offices, in as large and ample maner forme facion and condition as if this acte, or any thing to be doone by auctoritie therof had neuer be had nor made; any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also that this act or any thing therein conteyned, extend not, or in any wise be prejudiciall or hurtful to s<sup>r</sup> Walter Deuereux knight of the noble order of the garter, lord fferers and of Chartley, of for and concerninge the offices of chiefe Justice of southe wales, the office of chaumberlaine of Southwales, and of the counties of Carmarden and Cardigan in southe wales aforesaid: And of and for the office of the stewardship of the lordship of Bealch in the marches of Southwales, & of & for the office of recepuoship of the sayde lordshyppe of Bealch: or of for or concernynge any of the sayde offices: but that the said lord fferers may haue vse exercise & enioy the said offices and every of them, with al fees wages emolumentes commodities & profit to the same offices or to any of them in any wise belonging and apperteynyng, in as large and ample maner forme and condition, as if this acte had neuer be had nor made.

An acte establisshynge the court of augmentations.

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As moche as in this present parliament, begon at London in the thyrde dape of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the regyne of the kynge our soueraygne lord, and from thens adioyned vnto westm, and there holden, and from that time continued by diuerse pꝛogations, vnto the fourth dape of Februarye, in the. xxvii. yere of his mooste noble regyne: and then there holden, it is enacted ordeyned and establisshed, by the assente of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parlamente assembled, & by auctorite of the same, that his maiestie shulde haue and enioye to hym his heires and successours for ever, all and syngular suche monasteries, pꝛories, and other religious houses, of monkes, chanons, and nunnes, of what kindes oꝛ diuersities of habites rules oꝛ orders so euer they be called oꝛ named, whiche haue not in londes tenementes rentes tithes pencionis and other hereditamentes aboute the clere perely value of two hundred poundes: and all the scites and circuttes of all suche religious houses, and all and syngular the manours granges meles landes tenementes reuercions rentes seruices tithes pencionis portions aduousons patronages tyghtes entres condicions and other hereditamentes apperteyninge and belonging to euery suche monastery pꝛory and other religious house, not haupnge as is afoze sayde landes & tenementes aboute the sayde clere perely value of two hundred poundes, in as large & ample maner, as the abbottes pꝛiours abbesse pꝛioresses and other gouernours of such monasteries pꝛories and other religious houses then had oꝛ ought to haue had the same in the tyght of their houses. And that his hyghnes shall haue to hym and to his heires all and synguler such monasteries abbeses and pꝛories, whiche at any tyme within one yere, nexte afoze the makynge of the sayd acte, haue ben gauen and graunted to his maiestie by any abbote pꝛiour abbesse oꝛ pꝛioresse, vnder their conuente seales, oꝛ that otherwise haue ben suppressed oꝛ dissolued: and al and syngular the manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuercions tythes pencionis portions churches chapels aduousons patronages tyghtes entres condicions, and all other interestes and hereditamentes, to the same monasteries abbeses oꝛ pꝛories oꝛ to any of them apperteyninge oꝛ be longynge, to do and vse therewith his and their owne wylls, to the pleasure of almyghty god, and to the honour and profite of this realme.

And further it is ordeyned by the said act, that the kynges maiestie shuld haue and enioye all such ornaments Jewelles goodes cattalles and dettes, whiche apperteyned oꝛ belonged to any of the chiefe gouernours of the sayd monasteries oꝛ religious houses, in the right of their sayde monasteries oꝛ houses at the fyrst dape of marche, in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV. oꝛ at any time sithen, wher so euer, and to whose possessions so euer they shal come

some oꝛ be foude, excepte suche goodes catelles and other thynges excepted and forgyfyn in the sayde acte, as by the same acte amonge other thynges moze playnely at large may appere.

**E**f oꝛ the moze suretie and establisshement wherof, and to the intent that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours shalbe perely as wel cōteyned and iustely answered cōtented and paid of the rentes termes issues reuenues and profites ryllynge commynge and growynge of the sayd manours landis tenementes and other hereditamētēs before specified, as of the good catelles plate stuffe of householde dettes money stocke stowe and other what so euer profite and commoditie giuen graunted oꝛ appointed to the kynges maiestie by the same, in suche courtē place fourme maner and condition, as here after shal be lymitted declared and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed by thassent of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same in maner & fourme as hereafter foloweth in aspycles, That is to say.

**E**f pꝛ the kinge our sayde soueraygne lord, by auctoritie aforesayde oꝛ depneth maketh establissheth and erecteth a certayne courtē, commonlye to be called, The courtē of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges cozowne, whiche courtē, by auctoritie aforesayde continually shalbe a courtē of recoꝛde, and shal haue one greate seale and one priue seale to be engraued and made after such fourme falcion and maner as shalbe appoynted by the kynges highnes, and shal remayne and be ordered, as hereafter shal be declared.

**A**lso be it enacted by authozitie aforesayde, that there shalbe one certayne person to be named and assigned by the kynges highnes, whiche shalbe chancellour of the said courtē, and shalbe chiefe and principal officer of the same courtē, and shalbe called chauncellour of the courtē of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shal haue the keepynge of the sayde greate seale and priue seale, to be assigned foꝛ the sayde courtē.

**A**lso that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shal be called the kynges Treasourer of the courtē of thaugmentations of the reuenues of the kynges cozowne, and shalbe the seconde officer of the same courtē.

**A**lso it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayd, that there shalbe one personne lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shalbe called the kynges attourney of the sayde courtē, and shalbe the thirde officer of the same courtē.

**A**lso that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shalbe called the kynges Solycitour of the sayde courtē, and shalbe the fourth officer of the courtē.

**A**lso that there shalbe tenne particuler auditours to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shal be called auditours of the reuenues of the sayde augmentations.

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Also there shall be xiiii. particular recepuours, to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called recepuours of the sayde reuenues:

Also that there shall be one personne to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called clerke of the sayde couste: and one other person, whiche shall be called messanger of the same couste, whiche halther and messanger shall be named by the kynges highnes, and epyther of them shall haue such peccet fees, rewardes and profitcs as the halther and messanger of the Duchy of Westemister haue and perceyue.

Also the sayde chauncellour, whiche shall be appoynted by the kynges highnes, shall take a corporall othe afore the lord chancellor of England for the tyme beinge: after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere that ye wel & trewely shall serue the kyng in the office of chauncellourshippe of the augmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shall minister equall iustice to riche and poore, to the best of your cunningge witte and power: and that ye shall diligently procure all thinges, whiche maye honestly and iustly be to the kynges aduantage & profite, & to the augmentation of the rightes and prerogattues of his crowne, and trewely vse the kynges seales appoynted to your office, and also endeuour your selfe to the bittermost of your power to see the kyng treuly answered of al suche rentes reuenues issues and profitcs, which shal or may arise or growe in your office, and from tyme to tyme helpuer with speede suche as shall haue to do afore you, and that ye shall not take nor receyue of any person any gyfte or rewarde in any cause or matter dependinge befoze you, or wherein the kynges highnes shal be partie, whereby any prejudice hinderance losse or disherison shal growe or be to the kynges highnes, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

Also that the sayde Tresourer shall take a corporall othe befoze the sayde chauncellour of the sayde couste, accordinge to the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere that ye shal wel and trewely serue the kyng our souerayne lord and his people in the office of Tresourer of this couste: And ye shall reasonably and honestly procure the kynges profite, and do ryghte to all maner of people poore and riche, in those thinges whiche touche your office, and the kynges treasure ye shall truly kepe and dispende, and true declaration and accompt therof shall make from tyme to tyme without any concilement accordyng to this acte made for the stablyshement of this court, and further shall do every thyng that of ryght apperteyne to your office, soo helpe you god and all sayntes.

Also epyther of the sayde attourney and Solicitour shall take a corporall othe befoze the sayd chauncellour accordyng to the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere, that ye wel & trewely shall serue the kyng as his attourney in al courtis for & concernyng any matter or cause, that shal concerne or touch the possessions & hereditametes lymitted to the suruey and gouernance of this couste, and procure the kynges profite therof, and that ye shall trewely counsell the kyng & his chauncellour of this couste in al thinges concerning the same, to the

the best of your cunnyng witte and power: and with al speede and diligence from tyme to tyme at the callinge of the sayd chauncellour, ye shal endeouour your self for the heryng & determy nacion indifferently of such matters & causes, as shal depend befoze the sayd chauncellour: And that ye shal not take any gyfte or rewarde in any matter or cause dependinge in the same courte or els where, wherin the kinge shal be partie, wherby the kinges maiestie shal be hurted hindzed or disherited: and further do all and euery thing, that shal apperteyne to your office, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also that euery of the sayd auditours shal take a corporall othe befoze the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge: Ye shal sweare that ye shal well and trewly serue the kinge in your office, and trew allowaunce make to euery personne, whiche shal be accomptaunte befoze you: ye shal not take nor receiue of poore or ryche any gyfte or rewarde, in any matter or cause dependynge or to be discussed in the same court, but suche that shal be your ordinarie fees. And ye shal do al and euery other thinge, whiche shal apperteyne to your office, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also that euery of the said particuler receiueurs shal take a corporall othe befoze the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge: Ye shal swere, that ye truly shal serue the kinge in your office, and nothynge concele, but trewe accompte make of all suche reuenues rentes sommes of money and other profittes, wherwith ye shal be laufully charged by reason of your office: ye shal make no petition nor aske allowance, but suche as shal be good iuste and true and resonable: and ye shal do all and euery thinge and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordynge to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also that þe said clerke of the counsell shal take a corporall othe befoze the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge: Ye shal swere, that ye shal well and truly serue the kinge in your office of clerke of the counsell of this courte, and truly do and execute all and euery thing and thynges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordynge to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al the said monasteries priories and other religious houses, whiche be dissolued and come, or shal come to the kynges highnes by the acte aforesayd, and al the manours messes landes tenementes rentes seruices tithes pencious porcions aduousons patronages and all hereditamentes apperteynyng or belongyng to any the sayd monasteries priories or other religious houses, shalbe in the order suruey and gouernaunce of þe said court, and of the officers and ministers thereof: and al the fermes issues reuenues and profittes comynge & growyng of the premisses or any parte therof, shal be taken and receyued to the kinges vse by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in maner and forme as hereafter shal be declared. Excepte alwais and reserued suche and as many of the same monasteries priories and houses, with all their hereditamentes possessions goodes and catalles, whiche the kinges maiestie, by his letters

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patentes vnder his greate seale shall declare and lymitte to continue and be in their assential estate, and to perseuer in the body and corporation, as they were befoze the makinge of the sayde acte.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al those manoures landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which the kinges highnes hath purchased & now remain in his graces handes, or in the handes or possession of any person or persons to his vse, and which hereafter his highnes shall purchase, shall be & remain in the order suruey & gouernance of þe said court, in fourme as is aboue reherled. ¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd þat al giftis, grauntes, releases, confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, and other wytinges, whiche shall be in the name of þe kinges highnes, his heires or successours of any estate of frehold only, or any for terme of yeres, or at wil or at plesure, of any manoures landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, which be befoze assigned to the order suruey & gouernance of the said court, or of any rent charges, annuities, nexte aduoidaunce of aduousons, offices, or wardes, to be giuen letten or grated out of the same or any part thereof, or by any meanes concerning the sayd court, or any of the premises committed to the suruey of the said court, to any person or persons or bodies politike, or of any office apperteyninge or belonginge to the saide court of Augmentacion, shall be made by the clerke of the said court, or his deputie or deputies, and subscribed with his own propre hāde and name, & sealed with the great seale, assined to and for the sayde court. And that all and euery suche giftes grauntes releases confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, and other wytinges, whiche shall be made and sealed as is aforesayd, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe without lpyetey and season or attournement agaynst the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, according to the tenours purporses and effectes of suche giftes grauntes releases confirmacions leases, letters patentes, or other wytinges so to be made. And that the sayd Chauncellour vpon euery warraunt to be directed to him vnder the kynges signe manuell, shall haue power and auctoritie to cause to be made by the sayde clerke of the sayd court, or his deputie or deputies in due order and fourme all suche giftes, grauntes, releases, confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, or other wytinges as is aforesaide, according to the tenour and effecte of euery suche warraunte, whiche to him shall be directed, and to seale all suche patentes and wytinges with the saide greate seale remaynyng in his custody: the sayde chauncellour and other officers to take for his and their fees, for the ensealinge and wyting of euery patente suche fee or fees as is taken by the Chauncellour or other officer or officers of the kinges duche of Lancastre, in lyke case. And that the saide Chauncellour shall haue power and auctorite to take surrender of any leases or letters patentes that shall be made vnder the saide seale in his custody, and to make cancellatton of suche leases and letters patentes, that shall be to him surrendered, and cause the daye tyme and yere of euery suche surrender to be registered and enroled by the said clerke of the sayd court.

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¶ Also the said chauncellour by the consent of the Tresourer, attorney and solicitor, or to of them, without any warrant from the kinges highnes, shall haue power and auctorite to make any woodsales in or vpon any the manours landes tenementes, or hereditamentis, limited to the order suruey and gouernance of the sayd court. And shall also haue lyke power and auctorite in the kynges name to make leases for terme of .xii. yeres, and not aboue, by letter patentes, to be written by the sayd clerke of the same court and his deputie or deputies, & the name of the said clerke to be subscribed as is aforesaid, and to be sealed with the sayd great seale, of any of the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes aforesaid mentioned, which be appointed, or hereafter shall happen to be in the order and gouernance of the said court, the sayd chauncellour and other officer or officers, takinge for his or their fees therof, as is aforesaid: And that every lease so to be made, shall be good & effectual in the law against the king his heires & successors, accordig to the tenor and effect of the same. Provided alwey, & vpon every such lease to be made by the said chancellour, there shall be reserved to the kinges highnes & to his heires so much perely rent & profit, as the landes tenementis or hereditamentis comprised in such leases, haue ben letten heretofore or more, or after such perely value as they shall be certified by the kinges commissioners into the sayd court. Provided also that no lease for terme of yeres shall be made of any reuersion, with out the kinges special warrant for the same.

¶ Also the said clerke of the sayd court shall enrol & registre in a gret booke in parchment all and every those giftes grates releases confirmacions leases letters patentes and all other writings whiche shall be made and graunted vnder the sayd great seale: and also the daye tyme and yere of the surrender of any of them, whan any such surrender shall happen, whiche register of enrollementes, shall remaine and be safely kepte in the sayd court, as a record to the kinges vse, by the appoyntment of the sayd chauncellour. And that also the said clerke shall enter in a booke the apparances of every person that shall be called to appere befoze the said chauncellour: and all actes decrees and orders, that shall be made by the said Chancellour & counsaile, taking such fees for the same, & for writing and enrolling of any giftes grauntes releases confirmacions leases letters patentes or other writings, as the clerke of the duchie of Lancastre hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that vpon all and singular letters patentes to be made vnder the great seale of England, of any manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, belonging or apperteyning to any of the sayd houses, comprised in the sayd act, and committed to the suruey of the said court, to any person or persons or body polypike for any estate of inheritance, there shall be alwayes reserved to the kinges highnes his heires and successors a tenure by knyghtes seruice in Capite, and a perely rent of the .x. part of the perely value of the landes to be comprised in every such letters patentes, according to such rate, as the same manours landes and tenementes gyven, shall be expessed to be of perely value in the same letters patentes:

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Any thinge of claue conteyned in any warante to the contrarye thereof notwithstanding. And that the sayde reuerend father in god the kynges viceroyne shall be contented and payed to the officers of the sayd court to the kynges vse, according as other reuenues there shal be payd. And that none auerement shall be made or admitted by or for the kyng or any other persone, that the same manours landes and teneamentes be of moore perelpe value than in the said letters patentis shall be declared.

¶ Also the sayd chauncellour shall haue power and auctoritie to take recognisances of euery particular receyuent, whiche shal be assigned for the sayd countie and of his sureties, for the sure payement of his receytes. And also to take recognisances in the kynges name of euery fermier bailiffe reue or other accountantes, for the true payement of receytes: and of euery persone and persones, whiche shal be enderted to the kynges highnes for any arrerages of his receyte ferme or charge, as for any other cause for and concerning any of the premisses. And that all suche recognisances, of what summe so euer they be, shall be as good and effectualle in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as recognisances taken in the kynges Chauncery, or elles where before any Iuge of Recorde.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that the Chauncellour of the same court for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde wyttes of Scire fac. vnder the great seale of his office vpon euery suche recognisances in the sayde court to be taken, if case soo require, and to holde plee vpon the same, and to awarde execution to all intentes and purposes, as is vled and accustomed to be done in the kynges hyghe court of chauncery. Provided alway, that if any issue of triall, triable by the verdict of xii. men fortune to arise in the pleding of the same, that then in euerye suche case the sayde chauncellour shall and maye deliuer the recorde thereof to the Justices of the kynges benche, for tyme beinge, and therupon the sayde court of the kynges benche to doo euery thyng for the tryall of the same issue, as they ought to doo in case the sayd issue or triall had ben sent or deliuered to them out of the kynges court of chauncery. And after the triall thereof in due fourme had, and the iugement therupon giuen, the iustices of the kynges benche to haue power to awarde execution accordingly: and the money thereof coming to be deliuered by the same Justices or clarks of the papers of the same court to the treasurer of the said court of Augmentacions to the kynges vse.

¶ Also that the sayde Chauncelloure for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde vnder the priuie seale, appoynted to the sayde court, in the kynges name, suche processe and preceptes with reasonable paynes to be therein lymitted, as be now commonly vled in the court of the kynges duchye chambere of Lancaster beinge at westm, agaynste euerye person or persones, what soo euer they be, for and concerninge the interestte tithes and tithes of the kynges maiestie his heires and successours of in or to any of the premisses lymitted to the suruey and gouernaunce of the said court.

countie: or of: or for any rente accompte retente or seruices in any wyse touchinginge or concretynge the same pzeimisses or any parte of theym, for and on the behalfe of our sayde soueraygne lord the kynge, or of or for any dette respynge or growynge by occasion of the same. ¶ Also it is ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Attourney and Sollicitor, shal diligently from tyme to tyme attende vpon the chauncellour in the sayd courtte, for the hearynge and ordering of matters and causes in the said courtte: and procure with all diligence, that all rentes fermes profits casualties emphyteuementes, and al other emolumentes of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beinge in the suruey and gouernance of the sayde courtte, shal be truly and iustly payde and answered to the tresorier of the sayde courtte, to the vse of the kynges highnes, without concealing any part thereof. And shal also cause and procure proccesse to be made agaynst such as shalbe indetted to the kynges highnes, and their sureties of and for any parte thereof, from tyme to tyme, as the tyme or case shal requyre.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any of the sayd officers appointed for the same courtte, do concele or withdraue willingly any rentes reuenues casualties or other goodes giuen to the kynge by the sayde actte: then the officer so offendynge, shal lose the double value of the thing so concealed or withdrawn.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery of the sayde particuler auditours and recepuours shalbe attendant vpon the sayd chauncellour from tyme to tyme as causes shal requyre. And that euery of the sayde particuler recepuours shal well diligently and effectually gather and leuey to the kynges vse, all suche fermes issues and profits, as shal be limited to his charge, and distreyn for the same, if neede so requyre. And that euery of the sayde particuler recepuours and auditours, so ioyned together by thappoyntment of the said chauncellour shal well and truly suruey al maner of reparations nedeful to be done in or vpon any of the said manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes limited to his charge, and appoynt the sayd reparations to be done to the kynges most profite and least charge. And also to suruey the wodes limited to their charge, and what woodsales shal be conuenient to be made, and make Certificate of the pzeimisses from tyme to tyme to the sayde chauncellour.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that all the rentes fermes issues and profits of the sayde religious houses manours landes tenementes, and of al other the pzeimisses, whych be assigned to the order suruey and gouernance of the sayd courtte, as they shal growe due and be payable, shal be payed and deliuered to the handes of the sayde Tresourer by euery of the sayde particuler recepuours to be saufely kepte to the kynges vse: And that euery acquitance, which shalbe subscribed with the name and hande of the sayde Tresourer, made to any of the sayde particuler recepuours, or to any person or persons, wherby shal appere that the sayde Tresourer shal haue receyued of any of the sayde particuler recepuours, or other person or persons



personnes, any of the fermes rentes issues and profits in the charge of the sayde particuler recepuours, or for any dette that shal be due to the kynges hyghnes by occasion of the premises or any part therof: or for any sommes of money, whiche the sayde tresorer shal haue power to receyue to the kynges vse by reason of his office: and all other acquitaunces made by any of the sayde particuler recepuours to any what so euer person for the recepte of any thyng touching the premises appointed to his or theys charge, shal be a good and effectuell discharge for euery of the sayde particuler recepuours and other what so euer personnes aforesayde, agaynst the kynges hyghnes his heires and successours for euer.

¶ Also it is ordeyned, that the sayde tresorer shal yerely accompte before the sayde Chauncellour and suchetwo or mo of the sayde auditours, as the sayde Chauncellour shal appointe. And that euery of the sayde particuler recepuours shal yerely accompte before one of the sayde tenne auditours to be assigned to hym by the said chauncellour. And that euery of the sayd particuler recepuours for the yere to be ended at the feast of saint Michael tharchangel, shal make & finishe his accompt before the. xx. day of March next after the same feast ensewing. And that the sayde tresorer shal yerely fynishe his accompte before the last day of April next after that folowinge.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that the sayd chauncellour by the consent of the said tresorer attourney and Solicitor, or two of them, shal deuyde to euery particuler recepuour suche portion as euery of them shal receyue of the sayd religious houses manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesayd, and shal also proportion the sayd religious houses & other premises in ten partes: & shal assigne to euery part therof one of the sayde ten auditours. And that euery of the sayd ten auditours, as they shal be assigned, shal yerely ride to the part to him to be limited betwene the fest of saint Michel tharchangel & Christmas, and take the accomptes of all bailiffes reues fermers tenants and occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the lymittes of his assignement.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that the said auditours & particuler recepuours at al times, vpon warninge giuen to the by the said chauncellour, shal assemble to gether, as well for the ordeynge of the said religious houses manours landes tenementes and other the premises, as of the tenauntes of the same from tyme to tyme as the case shal require, as for the viewynge and determination of the sayde accomptes to be made therof.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayde, that all the accomptes of euery yere, to be ended at the feaste of saynte Michel tharchangel, as well of the sayde particuler recepuours bayliffes reues fermers tenauntes and occupiers of the sayde houses manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesayde, as of the sayd tresorer shal be wel & perfectly ingrossed in parchemente by the said auditours, and deliuered to the said chauncellour, safelpe to be kepte to the kynges vse euery yere yerely before the fyfte daye of Maye nexte ensewing the said feast of saint Michel tharchangel, vpon

þpon peyne to forsaþte and lose their offices.

**A**lso it is enacted by the auctozitte aforesaid, that the auditours & other officers & ministers of the said court, for the tyme being, shal yerely perceue and take by the handes of the said Treasorer, particular receiuours, and al other officers and ministers accomptant, al and spngular suche lyke diettes rewardeþ pꝛofites and commodities, as well for theþ attendance þpon the sayde chauncellour for the tyme beinge, and for makynge of bokeþ declaracions and values, as for other matters and causes of for oꝝ concernynge the sayde court: and also for theþ pencos costes and charges of the sayde auditours and particular recepuours, and euery of them, yerely tiding their seuerall circutes and lymittacions, in as large and ample maner and forme, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster and other officers and ministers there, do yerely perceiue receiue take and be allowed in for and aboute any suche lyke matters causes and busines. And that the sayde auditours for the tyme beinge and euery of them, shal haue power and auctozitte to allowe the same,

**A**lso it is ordeyned by auctozitte aforesayd, that al reparacions and buydyngeþ, which shalbe done from tyme to tyme in oꝝ þpon any the pꝛemisses, shalbe done and made by the order and commaundement of the said chauncellour, by the consent of the sayd tresorer attourney and Solicitour oꝝ two of them. And that the sayde Treasorer from tyme to tyme þpon his accompt shalbe allowed, as well of suche fee as shalbe lymitted vnto hym for exercise of his office, as of and for all suche summes of money as he shal pay to any patentee oꝝ patentees of any office fee oꝝ annuite, that shalbe granted oꝝ gyven vnder the seale of the said court: And also of al such sommes of money as he shal pay to any other person oꝝ persōs by vertue of the kynges warrāt oꝝ byll assigned: And also suche summes of money, as he shalbe commaunded to pay by any byll assigned and subscribed with the handes of the sayde chauncellour attourney and Solicitour oꝝ two of them, þpon such considerations, as shal be thought conuenient by their discretions. And that the sayde auditours, takynge the accomptes of the sayde Treasourer, oꝝ of any of the said particular recepuours, shal haue power and auctozitte to allow to the Treasourer the pꝛemisses and euery part therof, and also to allowe to euery particular receiuer and other accomptantes, as wel their fees & wages, and al other such summes of money, as they oꝝ any of them shal pay for in and about any buyldinges oꝝ reparacions, as al other honest and resonable petitions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner, and after suche forme facion and conditiō, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster do may do and haue be accustomed to do without any byl oꝝ warrant to be sued for the same.

**A**lso it is enacted by auctozitte aforesayde, that all maner of pꝛoces that shalbe made out of the kynges eschequer to oꝝ agaynst any person oꝝ persons for any fermes rentes issues oꝝ pꝛofites, concernynge the pꝛemisses oꝝ any part therof, lymitted by this act to be in the surety order & gouernance of the sayde

sayde court and the mynisters therof, shalbe clerely boide and of none effecte.  
**Also** it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Chā-  
 cellour & tresorier shal yerely declare to the kynges hyghnes the state of the  
 clere yerely value of the sayd houses, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes,  
 pencions, portions, tithes, and other hereditamentes, and howe where and  
 to whome they be employed, and what remaynethe therof in the handes of  
 the sayde Tresourer.

**Provided** alwey and be it enacted by thaurtoritie aforesayde, that al such  
 manours mesuages landes, tenementes rentes reuertions and other heredi-  
 tamentes, whiche in any maner wise shal come to or be in the handes or pos-  
 session of our said soueraign lord the kyng, his heires or successours by auc-  
 toritie of the sayd former acte of parlyamente, set lyenge and beinge as well  
 within the countie palantyne of Lancaster, as all other manours landes te-  
 nementes rentes reuertions and hereditamentes, with theyr commodities &  
 appurtenances, set lyeng and being within this realme of England, wales,  
 or eyther of them, out of the sayde countie palantyne, whiche be or were ap-  
 perteyninge or belongynge vnto the saide monasteries or any of them, whi-  
 che were of the foundation of oure sayde soueraygne lord, or of any of his  
 right noble progenitours, as duke or dukes of Lancaster, maye at the free  
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 the Chauncellour and officers of his saide Duchy of Lancaster, in as large  
 and ample maner and fourme, as the saide chauncellour and officers of the  
 said duchie haue vse and exercise at this present tyme of or vppon and in any  
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